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# Annual Report

»»» of the «««

## Municipal Officers

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### TOWN OF SEARSMONT MAINE

For the Municipal Year

1952







# *Annual Report*

—of the—

## *Municipal Officers*

—of the—

Town of

SEARSMONT, MAINE



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

1952

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

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### **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

RUSSELL B. KNIGHT

IRVIN R. JACKSON

CLARENCE E. GELO

Compensation—Town Wage Rate

### **Treasurer**

CLAYTON E. HOWES

Compensation—\$100.00 per annum

### **Tax Collector and Constable**

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

Compensation— $01\frac{1}{2}\%$  per cent

### **Moderator**

HAROLD NUTTER

Compensation—Town Wage Rate Each Meeting

### **Town Clerk**

ALLEINE W. ADAMS

and

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

Compensation—\$50.00 and fees

### **Road Commissioners**

FREDERICK N. LUCAS

FRANK B. FULLER

CHARLES R. MacKENZIE

Compensation—Town Wage Rate

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**School Committee**

BERL NISBET

HARRIETTE H. KNIGHT

MAYNARD R. MARRINER

Compensation—\$20.00 per year each

**School Superintendent**

LEWIS L. GRAY, for five town district

Searsmont's salary contribution—\$285.00 per year

**Fire Chief**

RUSSELL B. KNIGHT

Compensation—\$50.00 per year

**Forest Fire Warden and Inspector**

RUSSELL B. KNIGHT

Compensation—Town Wage Rate

**Health Officer**

ETHEL HIGGINS

Compensation—Town Wage Rate

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

HARCOURT A. DANIELS



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## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

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Real,Estate, Resident.....	176,594.00	
Real Estate, Non-resident.....	109,575.00	
	<hr/>	286,169.00
Personal Estate, Resident.....	63,439.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident.....	16,481.00	
	<hr/>	79,920.00
Total Valuation of Real and Personal Estate		<hr/> 366,089.00

## EXEMPT

Livestock and Poultry.....		4,994.00
Exempt Polls, 17 at \$3.00.....	51.00	
	<hr/>	5,045.00

## ASSESSMENTS

134 Polls at \$3.00.....	402.00	
Real and Personal Estate valued at \$366,089.00 at .70.....	25,623.51	
	<hr/>	26,025.51

## SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Real Estate Valued \$1,350.00.....	94.50	
Personal Estate Valued \$250.00 .....	17.50	
13 Polls at \$3.00.....	39.00	
	<hr/>	151.00
		<hr/> 26,176.51

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

## TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

Feb. 4, 1952, Cash on hand.....	1,349.08	
Treasurer's Receipts.....	46,304.24	
Paid on Warrants.....		45,809.95
Feb. 3, 1953, Cash on hand.....		1,843.37
	47,653.32	47,653.32

## APPROPRIATIONS

Voted at Town Meeting.....	23,517.00	
County Tax.....	1,765.00	
Overlay.....	743.51	
Supplementary Tax.....	151.00	
May 5, Committed.....		26,025.51
May 13, Supplementary Commitment		151.00
	26,176.51	26,176.51

## TOWN PROPERTY

Village Schoolhouse.....	10,200.00
North Searsmont Schoolhouse.....	700.00
Union Schoolhouse.....	500.00
Road Machine.....	175.00
Snow Fence.....	475.00
Two Safes.....	50.00
Snow Plow and Tractor.....	5,000.00
One-fifth interest in Weights and Measures.....	30.00
One-half interest in 5 gal. Measure....	7.00
One Adding Machine.....	25.00
Typewriter.....	25.00
Sanders.....	42.00

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Fire Equipment, etc.....	2,325.00	
Town Hall Building.....	4,000.00	
Office Desk and Table.....	15.00	
		23,569.00

## OVERLAY

May 5, Committed.....	743.51	
Feb. 3, Abatements.....		426.41
Feb. 3, Town Building Ell.....		176.93
Feb. 3, Contingent Account.....		140.17
	743.51	743.51

## SUPPLEMENTARY COMMITMENT

May 13, Supplementary Commitment	151.00	
Feb. 3, Carried to Supplement to Old Age and Blind Account.....		151.00
	151.00	151.00

## EXCISE TAX

Excise Tax.....		2,120.06
Paul Ranch Road.....	500.00	
Feb. 3, Carried to Snow Removal .....	1,620.06	
	2,120.06	2,120.06

## ABATEMENTS

Abatements for 1951 Taxes.....	10.06
Abatements for 1952 Taxes.....	215.59
By Abatement voted at the Annual Town Meeting a 2% discount on	



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cash payments of taxes ending July		
10, 1952.....	200.76	
Feb. 3, Carried to Overlay.....		426.41
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	426.41	426.41

1946 TAX ACCOUNT  
Ira J. Packard, Collector

1946 Tax Uncollected.....	56.09	
Feb. 3, Uncollected to 1953.....		56.09
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	56.09	56.09

1947 TAX ACCOUNT  
E. C. Howard, Collector

1947 Taxes Uncollected.....	345.66	
Feb. 3, Uncollected to 1953.....		345.66
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	345.66	345.66

1948 TAX ACCOUNT  
E. C. Howard, Collector

1948 Taxes Uncollected.....	8.75	
Feb. 3, Uncollected to 1953.....		8.75
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	8.75	8.75

1949 TAX ACCOUNT  
R. J. Robinson, Collector

Paid

1950 TAX ACCOUNT  
R. J. Robinson, Collector

Paid

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## 1951 TAX ACCOUNT

Raymond J. Robinson, Collector, Commission  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ 

Feb. 4, 1952 Uncollected.....	2,903.34	
Collected and paid to Treasurer.....		762.51
1951 Liens.....		2,132.76
By Abatements.....		10.06
Overpayment.....	1.99	
	<hr/> 2,905.33	<hr/> 2,905.33

## 1952 TAX ACCOUNT

Raymond J. Robinson, Collector, Commission  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ 

May 5, 1952 Commitment.....	26,025.51	
May 13, 1952 Sup. Commitment .....	151.00	
Collected and paid to Treasurer.....		23,608.03
Feb. 3, 1953 Abatements.....		426.41
Feb. 3, 1953 Uncollected to 1953 .....		2,142.07
	<hr/> 26,176.51	<hr/> 26,176.51

## COUNTY TAX

County Tax, 1952.....		1,765.00
Dec. 29, 1952 paid County Treas. ....	1,765.00	
	<hr/> 1,765.00	<hr/> 1,765.00

## Resident Unpaid Taxes, 1952

Beveridge, Malvina A.....	105.00
Billings, Albert.....	3.00
Butler, Clinton A.....	98.62
Bardsley, Albert Sr. and Mina B.....	*44.62
Cushman, Lawrence E.....	66.85
Cogswell, Oriel A.....	2.80
Cogswell, Rose.....	28.00
Callahan, Malcolm.....	49.70

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Drummond, Bertrand A.....	107.80
Fuller, Agnes G.....	84.00
Fuller, Ethelyn.....	42.70
Fuller, Norman.....	36.75
Fuller, Milon.....	10.50
Gerrish, Willis H.....	75.95
Gelo, Clarence E.....	*28.75
Harriman, Hilda A.....	38.85
Hemenway, Benjamin.....	12.25
Hemstreet, Charles B. and Julia A.....	45.00
Keene, Alexander C., Sr.....	5.95
Lucas, Don E.....	*128.80
Lucas, Frederick A.....	*26.95
Leadbetter, Norman A.....	46.20
Lloyd, Robert and Lydia H.....	42.00
Maddocks, Elden B., Jr.....	17.50
Marriner, Clifton T. and Myrtle.....	42.00
Murphy, Jerry E.....	15.40
Parker, Marlton.....	3.50
Quimby, Frederick L.....	79.10
Richards, Cora M.....	15.40
Ripley, Norman L.....	37.10
Sinclair, Frederick.....	3.00
Sparrow, Hale L.....	3.50
Smith, Harry E., Jr. and Lena.....	70.00
Sweetland, Paul E.....	18.90
Sears, John.....	15.25
Thomas, Flora E.....	66.95
Tenney, Ernest.....	14.00
Tenney, Ernest and Jane.....	60.13
Tenney, Jane.....	7.70
Wood, Merton E.....	45.50
Wilson, Wentworth A.....	63.00
Wood, Byron A.....	54.30

\* Paid after books were closed.



**Non-Resident Unpaid Taxes, 1952**

Barlow, Lenora.....	9.80
Burgess, Elizabeth G.....	38.50
Callahan, Leon O. and Malcolm.....	15.40
Callahan, Leon O.....	19.95
Carr, Ernest M.....	4.55
Farrington, Stewart M.....	42.70
Murch, Henry E.....	14.00
McGannon, Harry J.....	2.10
Parkerson, Napoleon R.....	8.75
Philbrook, Monter and Edith J.....	*40.95
Ray, Martin.....	25.20
Roberts, Ralph M.....	.70
Richards, Corrona.....	2.80
Steves, Sadie.....	17.15
Sharkey, Louise.....	26.60
Small, Kenneth and Ula.....	18.90
Whitcomb, Merle E.....	7.70
Woodbury, Israel R.....	*82.95

\* Paid after books were closed.

**1951 TAX LIENS—RESIDENT**

Cushman, Lawrence.....	87.15
Cogswell, Rose.....	18.20
Callahan, Malcolm.....	37.35
Drummond, B. A.....	127.82
Fuller, Agnes.....	30.52
Fuller, Ethlyn.....	50.63
Gerrish, Willis.....	77.61
Harriman, Hilda.....	41.50
Hurley, Richard and E. M.....	95.87
Leadbetter, Norman.....	19.51
Maddocks, Elden B., Jr.....	20.75
Marriner, Clifton and Myrtle.....	49.80
Parker, Marlton.....	4.15

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Richards, Cora M.....	18.26
Ripley, Norman.....	33.20
Sweetland, Byron A.....	45.65
Smith, Harry, Jr. and Lena.....	83.00
Tenney, Trafton.....	29.47
Tenney, Ernest and Jane.....	60.59

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## 1951 TAX LIENS—NON-RESIDENT

Callahan, Malcolm and Leon.....	18.26
Callahan, Leon O.....	34.86
Pearse, Crosby, Heirs of.....	36.52
Sharkey, Louise.....	31.54
Goodell, Roy B. (J. Murphy).....	18.26

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 139.44

## 1950 TAX LIENS

Giggy, Gardner and Farrow.....	14.00
Tenney, Trafton.....	28.40

## TOWN PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Bowles, Walter and Elsie.....	61.78
Cobb, Ida I. Dev.....	26.75
Giggy, Gardner and Farrow.....	57.00
Sweetland, Philip and Lillian .....	29.40

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS AND  
NEW HEATING PLANT LOAN

Feb. 4, 1952, Due the First National Bank of Belfast.....		1,600.00
Oct. 30, 1952, Paid the First National Bank of Belfast.....	800.00	
Feb. 3, 1953, Due the First National Bank of Belfast.....	800.00	
	<hr/> 1,600.00	<hr/> 1,600.00

### MUNICIPAL TAX ANTICIPATION TEMPORARY LOANS

Mar. 4, 1952, First National Bank of Belfast.....		2,000.00
April 1, 1952, First National Bank of Belfast.....		2,000.00
May 14, 1952, First National Bank of Belfast.....		1,000.00
Jan. 5, Paid the First National Bank of Belfast.....	5,000.00	
	<hr/> 5,000.00	<hr/> 5,000.00

### TOWN MEETING HALL LOAN

Feb. 4, 1952, Due the First National Bank of Belfast.....		1,500.00
Mar. 11, 1952, Paid the First National Bank of Belfast.....	500.00	
Feb. 3, 1953, Due the First National Bank of Belfast.....	1,000.00	
	<hr/> 1,500.00	<hr/> 1,500.00

### POOR RELIEF TEMPORARY LOAN

Nov. 22, 1952, First National Bank of Belfast.....		1,500.00
Feb. 3, 1953, Due the First National Bank of Belfast.....	1,500.00	
	<hr/> 1,500.00	<hr/> 1,500.00

### INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation.....		200.00
Jan. 7, 1953, First National Bank, Refund.....		10.00



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Paid First Nat'l. Bank of Belfast.....	237.75	
Feb. 3, 1953, Overdraft to 1953 .....		27.75
	<hr/> 237.75	<hr/> 237.75

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation .....	1,200.00
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## Distribution:

Ethel Butler, Health Officer.....	20.00	
Harcourt Daniels, Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	8.00	
Harriette Knight, School Comm. ....	12.18	
R. B. Knight, Selectman.....	382.08	
Irvin R. Jackson, Selectman.....	198.00	
Clarence E. Gelo, Selectman.....	332.30	
C. E. Howes, Town Treasurer.....	100.00	
C. E. Howes, Constable.....	7.83	
R. B. Knight, Fire Chief.....	50.00	
R. J. Robinson, Town Clerk.....	12.50	
A. W. Adams, Town Clerk.....	33.32	
Maynard Marriner, School Comm. ...	25.23	
Harold Nutter, Moderator.....	10.00	
Richard Merriam, Elections.....	26.54	
Roberta Riley, Elections.....	8.70	
Bertha Cushman, Elections.....	26.54	
John Levenseller, Elections.....	16.97	
Helen Wilson, Elections.....	9.57	
Charlotte Sweetland, Elections.....	17.84	
	<hr/> 1,297.60	
Overdraft to 1953.....		97.60
	<hr/> 1,297.60	<hr/> 1,297.60

## RENTAL, FUEL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

Appropriation.....		300.00
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## Distribution:

Avis Jackson.....	6.00	
Liberty Tel. & Tel. Co.....	45.50	
Home Appliance Co.....	110.80	
Marks Printing House.....	38.05	
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	54.00	
R. J. Robinson.....	26.32	
Thelma Ratten.....	11.76	
W. G. Stover.....	6.00	
C. E. Howes.....	4.37	
Hutchins Bros.....	10.20	
Waldo County Register of Deeds.....	7.80	
C. E. Gelo.....	.49	
A. W. Adams.....	3.96	
Central Maine Power Co.....	5.45	
Sprowl Brothers (Lights).....	91.25	
Kelley Press.....	9.05	
Ethel Butler.....	3.45	
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Overdraft to 1953.....		134.45
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	434.45	434.45

## COLLECTORS' COMMISSION

Appropriation.....		750.00
Paid R. J. Robinson.....	415.33	
Feb. 3, 1953, Balance to 1953.....	334.67	
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	750.00	750.00

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## CONTINGENT

Appropriation.....	200.00
Sales Town Property.....	354.75
Lien Cost Received.....	175.18
Alton Pease, Sand from Town Prop.	.60
Field & Quimby, Insurance Adjust.	9.00
State Treasurer.....	51.32

## Distribution:

C. E. Howes.....	3.15
Murdock Ratten.....	1.46
Arthur Thompson.....	1.46
Dr. M. G. Collins.....	1.25
Maine Municipal Assn.....	35.00
State Treasurer, Audit of Books.....	211.59
Fred Lucas.....	2.00
Waldo County Register of Deeds.....	54.00
First Nat. Bank of Belfast.....	22.29
R. J. Robinson (Liens).....	108.69
C. E. Gelo.....	46.96
R. B. Knight.....	34.58
Frank Jackson.....	21.18
Lougee Florist.....	4.75
Kelley Press.....	225.85
Earl Ludwig.....	15.75
Village Market.....	24.01
Field & Quimby.....	108.45
City Drug Store.....	13.09
Charles MacKenzie.....	13.68
A. W. Adams.....	15.53
Harold Cobb.....	6.31
James A. Robbins & Son.....	4.72
Clarence Drinkwater.....	16.96
Merrick Bryant.....	6.96

Harold Jackson.....	30.00	
Maynard Marriner.....	5.04	
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	1,034.63	
Feb. 3, Overlay.....		140.17
Feb. 3, Overdraft to 1953.....		103.61
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	1,034.63	1,034.63

## ROADS &amp; BRIDGES

Appropriation.....	3,000.00
Balance from 1951.....	128.32
C. E. Gelo, Rebate on bulldozing.....	3.00
State Sand & Gravel, Rebate on grav.	12.60

## Distribution:

James Robbins & Son.....	108.36
Village Market.....	1.80
Fred Lucas.....	372.33
James Bartlett.....	83.72
Clair Bagley.....	71.39
Mabel Davis.....	12.00
C. E. Gelo.....	111.44
Milbury Hunt.....	18.40
Eugene Tenney.....	20.24
Oriel Cogswell.....	6.09
Clarence Drinkwater.....	168.30
Maynard Marriner.....	8.32
Merrill Butler.....	39.52
Chester Butler.....	57.11
Frank Fuller.....	219.48
Gardner Ripley.....	3.48
Charles MacKenzie.....	123.18
M. W. Blake.....	1.20
Earl Ludwig.....	1,107.80
Viljo Hill.....	10.40

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Wylie Patten.....	64.06	
Hale Sparrow.....	102.96	
Howard Clark.....	159.88	
Bancroft & Martin.....	169.84	
George Riley.....	10.79	
Harold Mehuren.....	9.14	
Lawrence Robbins.....	11.20	
Town of Lincolnville.....	5.00	
Leslie Wentworth.....	4.35	
Sprowl & Robbins.....	3.60	
Wilfred Cross.....	6.96	
Sprowl Brothers.....	40.00	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	11.58	
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	3,143.92	3,143.92

## SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....		100.00
Balance from 1951.....		172.57
Distribution:		
C. E. Gelo.....	4.50	
Feb. 3, 1953, Bal. to 1953.....	268.07	
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	272.57	272.57

## STATE AID ROADS NO. 2 &amp; 6

Appropriation.....		1,066.00
State Treasurer.....		470.61
Distribution:		
C. E. Gelo.....	81.70	
Charles MacKenzie.....	56.55	
Carl Gelo.....	10.44	
Earl Ludwig.....	200.85	
Wylie Patten.....	46.72	



Sprowl Brothers.....	232.32	
Lee Brothers.....	421.64	
James Bartlett.....	77.43	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	83.28	
Howard Clark.....	80.56	
Merrill Butler.....	67.84	
Ira Proctor.....	13.92	
Arthur Sprowl.....	37.44	
Sprowl & Robbins.....	40.00	
Frank Fuller.....	85.92	
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	1,536.61	1,536.61

PAUL RANCH ROAD  
(New England Road)

Appropriation.....		500.00
Balance from 1951.....		157.53
Transferred from Excise Tax.....		500.00
Distribution:		
C. E. Gelo.....	183.30	
Charles MacKenzie.....	24.36	
Carl Gelo.....	12.18	
James Bartlett.....	34.71	
Frank Fuller.....	17.94	
Howard Clark.....	27.56	
Merrill Butler.....	27.56	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	41.34	
Arthur Sprowl.....	24.96	
Wylie Patten.....	2.67	
Ernest Provin.....	75.00	
Sprowl Brothers.....	119.70	
Merrick Bryant.....	5.65	
Earl Ludwig.....	396.00	
Bancroft & Martin.....	115.39	
Feb. 3, 1953, Balance to 1953.....	49.21	
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	1,157.53	1,157.53

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## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

State Treasurer.....	1,428.12
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## Distribution:

C. E. Gelo.....	124.85	
Charles MacKenzie.....	58.29	
Earl Ludwig.....	877.50	
Wylie Patten.....	37.38	
James Bartlett.....	37.38	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	33.92	
Howard Clark.....	29.68	
Frank Fuller.....	38.46	
Sprowl Brothers.....	120.36	
Merrill Butler.....	29.68	
Ira Proctor.....	5.22	
Carl Gelo.....	10.44	
Arthur Sprowl.....	24.96	
Sprowl & Robbins.....	46.00	
Feb. 3, Overdraft to 1953.....		46.00
	1,474.12	1,474.12

## THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....	631.00
Balance from 1951.....	196.59

## Distribution:

C. E. Gelo.....	86.20
Eugene Tenney.....	13.92
Earl Ludwig.....	444.00
Maynard Marriner.....	9.37
Clarence Drinkwater.....	44.68
Charles MacKenzie.....	42.57
Wylie Patten.....	40.44
James Bartlett.....	21.36
Howard Clark.....	16.96

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Merrill Butler.....	16.96	
Frank Fuller.....	9.00	
Sprowl Brothers.....	70.56	
Ira Proctor.....	3.48	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	8.09	
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	827.59	827.59

## POND ROAD

Appropriation.....		100.00
Distribution:		
Wylie Patten.....	4.24	
Charles MacKenzie.....	6.96	
C. E. Gelo.....	23.50	
Carl Gelo.....	3.48	
Sprowl Brothers.....	22.80	
Clarence Drinkwater.....	8.48	
Merrill Butler.....	8.48	
Howard Clark.....	8.48	
James Bartlett.....	10.68	
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	97.10	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	2.90	
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	100.00	100.00

## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation.....	1,200.00
State Treasurer.....	1,863.50
Town of Searsmont, Tractor.....	1,166.75
Town of Searsmont, Sanders.....	61.19
Frederick Lucas.....	5.00
Ernest Potvin.....	1.00
James Bartlett.....	10.80

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Howard Clark .....	1.80
Frank Fuller .....	16.04

## Distribution:

Fred Lucas.....	543.03
Village Market.....	142.58
Oriel Cogswell.....	186.15
Irvin Jackson.....	18.28
Town of Searsmont, Tractor.....	1,196.50
Town of Searsmont, Sanders.....	31.44
James Bartlett.....	125.15
Donald Mehuren.....	20.62
Norman Fuller.....	7.46
Roger Bartlett .....	21.75
Frank Fuller .....	685.94
Clarence Drinkwater.....	324.96
Wylie Patten.....	138.23
Hall Hardware Co.....	25.77
Philip Rines.....	9.39
Charles Butler.....	4.13
Norman Gerrish.....	4.57
George Barrett.....	.87
Charles Cook .....	6.09
Freeman Wooster.....	2.61
Donald Howard.....	1.74
Gordon Ripley.....	15.23
Howard Mehuren.....	2.61
Walter Fuller.....	2.61
Daniel Knight .....	4.98
Merrick Bryant.....	93.00
Russell Knight, Jr.....	73.10
Gardner Ripley.....	75.82
Norman Leadbetter.....	86.72
Howard Clark.....	75.50
Lawrence Cushman.....	4.15
Clarence Gelo.....	187.70
Fred Thomas .....	3.32

George Thomas.....	1.66	
Norman Ripley.....	1.66	
C. E. Howes.....	87.35	
E. L. Grant.....	6.00	
Sprowl Brothers.....	269.74	
James A. Robbins & Son.....	80.00	
C. A. Paul.....	18.04	
Palmers Garage.....	41.54	
R. B. Knight.....	29.58	
Alton Sweet.....	4.69	
Eastern Tractor & Equipment Co.....	306.62	
Arlen Jackson.....	1.66	
Roger Jackson.....	5.42	
M. W. Blake.....	39.49	
Clifton Marriner.....	7.08	
R. E. Palmer.....	15.00	
Turner & Hallowell.....	11.25	
State Treasurer.....	494.60	
Charles MacKenzie.....	29.70	
George Skinner.....	2.00	
Rockland Auto Supply Co.....	38.18	
N. H. Bragg & Son.....	40.65	
Perley Allen.....	6.75	
Stand Steel Co.....	248.31	
Sam Payson.....	14.79	
Fred Elms.....	3.48	
Harry Marriner.....	38.48	
Don Lucas.....	12.18	
Alfred Waterman.....	12.00	
Blanchard Bryant.....	43.25	
Ivory Richards.....	15.04	
Feb. 3, transferred from Excise tax ....		1,620.06
Feb. 3, Overdraft to 1953.....		102.05
	6,048.19	6,048.19



## TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation.....		150.00	
Balance from 1951.....		16.00	
Distribution:			
Central Maine Power Co.....	146.20		
Feb. 3, Carried to 1953.....	19.80		
	166.00		166.00

## TOWN GARAGE BUILDING (ELL)

Appropriation.....		300.00	
Distribution:			
Allan Mollison .....	75.52		
C. E. Gelo.....	104.00		
Walter Aldus .....	179.50		
Russell Knight, Jr.....	44.25		
Charles MacKenzie.....	8.00		
Gordon Ripley .....	7.83		
Clarence Drinkwater.....	16.96		
Freeman Wooster.....	6.96		
Village Market .....	14.57		
Hall Hardware Company.....	19.34		
Feb. 3, Overlay.....		176.93	
	476.93		476.93

## BONDS FOR TREASURER &amp; COLLECTOR

Appropriation .....		40.00	
Distribution:			
Field & Quimby.....	20.00		
Feb. 3, Carried to 1953.....	20.00		
	40.00		40.00

## WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Appropriation.....	200.00
State Treasurer.....	199.95

## Distribution:

C. E. Gelo.....	150.00	
Charles MacKenzie.....	104.18	
Fred Thomas.....	76.34	
Daryl Harriman.....	69.38	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	.05	
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	399.95	399.95

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE FUND

Balance from 1951.....	200.00
Feb. 3, Carried to 1953.....	200.00
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	200.00
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	200.00

SUPPLEMENT CARE OF  
OAK GROVE CEMETERY

Appropriation.....	40.00
Balance from 1951.....	38.45

## Distribution:

Horace Ripley.....	13.00	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	65.45	
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	78.45	78.45

## OLD CEMETERIES &amp; FLAGS

Appropriation.....	100.00
Balance from 1951.....	60.86

## Distribution:

F. D. Jones, Inc.....	39.45
A. P. Shepard.....	20.88

## TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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Freeman Wooster.....	10.00	
Lloyd Colby.....	10.00	
Horace Ripley.....	62.64	
Feb. 3, 1953, Balance to 1953.....	17.89	
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	160.86	160.86

## POOR RELIEF

Appropriation.....	650.00
First Nat'l. Bank of Belfast.....	1,500.00

## Distribution:

Case No. 1	
Sprowl Brothers.....	32.50
Gordon Ripley .....	4.98
Village Market.....	404.44
R. B. Knight.....	12.00
Mr. M. G. Collins.....	10.00
William Skinner.....	198.00
George Clements.....	366.00
City Drug Store.....	19.31
Craig-Gesner.....	8.00
Dr. John Caswell.....	40.00
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	1,095.23

Case No. 2	
C. E. Howes.....	192.99
Village Market.....	27.22
Waldo County Hospital.....	453.85
Bradbury Memorial Hospital.....	2.00
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	676.06
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	1,771.29

Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	378.71	
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	2,150.00	2,150.00

## VETERANS' AID

Balance unexpended from 1951.....		52.55
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	52.55	
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## STATE POOR RELIEF

State Treasurer.....	456.66
Balance due from State Feb. 3, 1953	90.20

## Distribution:

Overdraft from 1952.....	34.00
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## Case No. 1

Sprowl Brothers.....	82.00
Melvin Ripley.....	60.00
Dr. John Caswell.....	64.00
Waldo County Hospital.....	43.00
Dr. Seth Read.....	3.00
Hart's Drug Store.....	38.60
Village Market.....	68.00

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 358.60

## Case No. 2

Dr. John Caswell.....	49.00
City Drug Store.....	32.35
Hart's Drug Store.....	12.50
M. W. Blake.....	4.95

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 98.80

## Case No. 3

City Drug Store.....	12.50
Dr. Stein.....	8.00
Maynard Marriner.....	34.96

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 55.46

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 546.86

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 546.86

## TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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## PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Appropriation .....	55.00
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## Distribution:

State Treasurer.....	55.00	
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	55.00	55.00

## SUPPLEMENT AID TO OLD AGE AND BLIND

Appropriation .....	750.00
Town of Jackson .....	40.00

## Distribution:

## Case No. 1

Dr. Arnold Walker.....	31.00
Clars Sweetland.....	55.00
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	86.00

## Case No. 2

George Clements.....	455.95
Stevenson & Son.....	13.46
City Drug Store.....	61.08
Dr. Seth Read .....	30.00
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	560.49

## Case No. 3

George Clements.....	405.00
City Drug Store.....	82.80
Dr. John Caswell.....	35.00
R. B. Knight.....	3.00
C. E. Gelo.....	25.10
Hart's Drug Store.....	2.15
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	553.05



Case No. 4	
Ruth Cooper.....	40.00
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	40.00
Feb. 3, Trans. from Supp. Tax.....	151.00
Feb. 3, Overdraft to 1953.....	298.54

## MOTHERS' AID

Aopropriatin.....		1,000.00
Distribution:		
Account No. 1.....	116.64	
Account No. 2.....	116.64	
Account No. 3.....	145.52	
Account No. 4.....	155.80	
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	534.60	
Feb. 3, Carried to 1953.....	465.40	
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	1,000.00	1,000.00

## COMMON SCHOOLS

Appropriation.....	8,500.00
Balance from 1951.....	289.98
State Treasurer.....	5,151.00
Distribution:	
Harleth Davis.....	1,386.77
Thelma Chaffee.....	1,336.77
Esther Feeney.....	1,336.77
Stella Carver.....	1,296.36
Irwin Turner.....	15.00
Roberta Riley.....	69.98
Carolyn Cross.....	1,356.30
Charles MacKenzie.....	1,501.00

## TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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Frost & Wilkins.....	556.14	
City of Belfast.....	1,723.86	
Town of Appleton.....	220.00	
Town of Liberty.....	312.00	
Central Maine Power Co.....	80.64	
Gloria Wood.....	50.58	
Gledhill Brothers.....	7.19	
Hall Hardware Co.....	5.00	
Ginn & Co.....	143.25	
Collector of Internal Revenue.....	995.40	
Follett Publishing Co.....	2.47	
Milton Bradley Co.....	14.90	
World Book Co.....	6.16	
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	183.15	
Hutchins Brothers.....	10.10	
Harriet Fuller.....	23.24	
Robert L. Ross.....	1.00	
State Treasurer.....	332.05	
Webster Publishing Co.....	8.76	
American Book Co.....	14.87	
Lloyd Cogswell.....	6.00	
Maurice Gray.....	3.00	
Sprowl Brothers.....	3.00	
Leroy Thomas, Jr.....	1.00	
Town of Montville.....	250.00	
Rose Cogswell.....	5.00	
M. W. Blake.....	6.31	
Lester Moore.....	33.00	
Village Market.....	11.06	
MacMillan Company.....	34.13	
Lewis L. Gray.....	21.46	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	543.15	
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	13,940.98	13,940.98

## SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS AND INSURANCE

Appropriation.....	500.00
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## Distribution:

Charles MacKenzie.....	30.48	
Hall Hardware Co.....	13.16	
Diamond Match Co.....	55.29	
Edward Edgecomb.....	86.99	
Field & Quimby.....	127.44	
State Sand & Gravel Co.....	4.20	
Lyman Boynton.....	75.00	
Larrabee Brothers.....	14.50	
C. A. Paul.....	9.00	
E. R. Dowe.....	.45	
Gledhill Brothers.....	35.08	
James Robbins & Son.....	17.48	
Lewis L. Gray.....	1.50	
Village Market.....	11.24	
A. O. Parmenter.....	1.77	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	16.42	
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	500.00	500.00

## SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Appropriation.....	200.00
Balance from 1951.....	125.38

## Distribution:

Searsmont P. T. A.....	79.12	
M. W. Blake.....	38.46	
Lewis L. Gray.....	4.34	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	203.46	
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	325.38	325.38

## TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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## SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Appropriation.....	285.00
Balance from 1951.....	263.08

## Distribution:

Lewis L. Gray.....	595.23	
Feb. 3, Overdraft to 1953.....		47.15
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	595.23	595.23

## FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Appropriation.....	150.00
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## Distribution:

Justin McCarthy Co.....	25.67	
Village Market.....	58.17	
Blanchard Associates.....	51.27	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	14.89	
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	150.00	150.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT--MEN

Appropriation.....	150.00
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## Distribution:

R. B. Knight.....	18.00	
Merrill Butler.....	1.74	
Chester Butler.....	1.74	
Daniel Knight.....	7.40	
Russell Knight, Jr.....	2.61	
Charles MacKenzie.....	2.61	
Feb. 3, Balance to 1953.....	115.90	
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	150.00	150.00

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION  
State of Maine  
Augusta

February 12, 1953

Russell B. Knight, Chairman,  
Board of Selectmen,  
Searsmont, Maine

Dear Sir:

In the estimate for reconstruction of Bickford Bridge in Searsmont it was considered there would be no material change in grade and that the new center line would be at the upstream side of the present bridge. The structure would be of the concrete slab type with span length of 15 ft. and roadway width of 24 ft. between curbs. The approaches would be improved for lengths of 250 feet west and 150 feet east of the bridge. Traffic would be maintained over a temporary bridge. Under present conditions the estimated cost is \$14,500.00, divided, State \$7,293.50, County \$4,350.00, Town \$2,856.50.

: An alternate estimate was made for a sectional galvanized corrugated metal plate arch structure, supported on low concrete abutments. The span length would be 18 ft. and the height 6 ft. 9 in. To provide cover over the plates the grade at the bridge must be raised about 2 ft. For this type of structure, the estimated cost of bridge, approaches and maintenance of traffic is \$12,000.00, divided, State \$5,640.00, County \$3,600.00, Town \$2,760.00.

At Ghent Bridge the present steel beams do not have much strength as they are not braced to each other in order to distribute the load. If this were done, they should be strong enough for a gross load of 14 tons, with proper floor maintenance.

In the estimate for reconstruction of this bridge it was considered that the alignment would not be changed and that the grade at the bridge would be raised about one foot. The abut-



ments would be jacked with concrete and new wings built on the upstream side. The retaining walls on the downstream side would be capped. The superstructure would be of the concrete T-beam type with span of about 32 ft. and roadway width of 24 ft. The approaches near the bridge would be improved and traffic would be maintained over a temporary bridge. Under present conditions the estimated cost of this work is \$20,000.00, divided, State \$10,820.00, County \$6,000.00, Town \$3,180.00.

Traffic on this road is light, and the estimate for a one lane bridge with roadway width of 14 feet is \$11,500.00, divided, State, \$5,324.00, County \$3,450.00, Town \$2,726.00.

Very truly yours,

MAX L. WILDER  
Bridge Engineer

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We, the Selectmen of the Town of Searsmont, herewith submit our report for 1952 to the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Searsmont for their consideration and approval.

All bills on file were paid before the town books were closed Feb. 3, 1953 and there is an adequate cash balance to pay current expenses until Town Meeting.

The coming year the Town is faced with a sharply increased tax rate due to the unusually heavy poor relief expenses and the marked increase in the common school budget.

The Bickford and Ghent Bridges have been surveyed and the State Engineer's report is included in this report.

Trusting our efforts in your behalf meet with your approval, we respectfully submit this report for your consideration.

RUSSELL B. KNIGHT  
IRVIN R. JACKSON  
CLARENCE E. GELO  
Selectmen of Searsmont

## Resources

Cash on Hand, Feb. 4, 1952.....	1,349.08	
Estimated Reimbursement from State on Snow Removal.....	885.00	
Due from State on Poor Relief.....	90.20	
Due from I. J. Packard, Coll. 1946 tax.....	56.09	
Due from Estate of E. C. Howard, Coll. 1947 Tax.....	290.56	
1948 Tax.....	8.75	
Due from R. J. Robinson, Coll. ....	2,142.07	
1951 Tax Liens.....	1,070.47	
Town Property.....	217.33	
		6,109.55

## Liabilities

The First National Bank.....	3,300.00
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## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Commitment May 5, 1952.....	26,025.51	
Supplementary Commitments.....	151.00	
Collected & paid to Treas. 2-3-53.....		23,608.03
Feb. 3, 1953, by Abatement.....		426.41
Feb. 3, 1953, Uncollected.....		2,142.07
	26,176.51	26,176.51
Excise taxes collected from Feb. 4, 1952 to Feb. 3, 1953.....		2,120.06

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. ROBINSON

Tax Collector, Searsmont

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Cash on Hand, Feb. 4, 1952.....		1,349.08
R. J. Robinson, 1952 Tax.....	23,608.03	
R. J. Robinson, 1951 Tax.....	762.51	
R. J. Robinson, Excise Tax.....	2,120.06	
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		26,490.60
First National Bank, Belfast.....		6,500.00

## State Treasurer:

State School Fund.....	5,151.00	
White Pine Blister Rust.....	199.95	
State Poor Relief.....	456.66	
Snow Removal.....	1,863.50	
Town Road Improvement.....	1,428.12	
State Aid Road No. 6.....	470.61	
Bank Stock Tax Refund.....	29.79	
Refund on Water Test.....	3.00	
Dog Tax Refund.....	16.08	
R. R. & Tel. Tax Refund.....	2.45	
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		9,621.16
Town Tractor.....	1,166.75	
Town Sanders.....	61.19	
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		1,227.94
Alton Pease.....	.60	
First Nat. Bank, Rebate on Note.....	10.00	
R. J. Robinson.....	7.80	
C. E. Gelo, Refund on grader.....	3.00	
State Sand & Gravel, refund on gravel.....	12.60	
Fred Lucas, refund on equipment.....	5.00	
Ernest Potvin, town tractor.....	1.00	
James Bartlett, overpayment.....	10.80	

Howard Clark, overpayment.....	1.80
Frank Fuller, overpayment.....	16.04
Town of Jackson, refund on Old Age	40.00

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 108.64

Lien Cost Credits .....	166.18
Making Deeds.....	9.00
Field & Quimby, refund on Ins.	9.00

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 184.18

### Town Property Sales:

Walter Bowles.....	10.00
Laurence Colby.....	150.00
Lawrence Cushman .....	25.00
Gladys Brown.....	69.30
Roy B. Goodell.....	85.05
Clarence D. Heal...	15.40

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 354.75

### 1950 Tax Liens:

Gladys Brown.....	79.20
Clinton A. Butler.....	97.28
Herbert Butler.....	4.00
Malcolm Callahan.....	15.30
Rose Cogswell.....	32.00
Lawrence Cushman.....	7.30
B. A. Drummond.....	123.20
Giggy, Gardner & Farrow..	28.00
Roy B. Goodell.....	97.20
Roy B. Goodell by J. Murphy	17.60
Clarence D. Heal.....	17.60
Wm. A. Hjulstrom.....	32.00
Clifton and Myrtle Marriner	28.00
Cora M. Richards.....	17.60
Louise Sharkey.....	30.40

## TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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Harry Jr. and Lena Smith.....	84.00
Byron A. Sweetland by J. Levenseller.....	44.00

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754.68

## 1951 Liens:

Josephine Aldus.....	59.76
Walter Aldus.....	4.57
Malvina A. Beveridge.....	136.95
Clinton A. Butler.....	100.93
Agnes G. Fuller by Wylie Patten.....	68.08
Clarence E. Gelo.....	129.48
Basil and Jennie Pearse.....	153.55
Harry and Annie Vogel.....	41.50
Herbert Butler.....	4.15
Gladys F. Brown.....	82.17
Byron A. Carr.....	64.74
Ambrose Ellis.....	18.26
Roy B. Goodell.....	100.86
Clarence D. Heal.....	18.26
Francella Moody.....	6.23
Ora M. Clark.....	72.80

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1,062.29

Total Receipts.....	47,653.32
Less Warrants Drawn.....	45,809.95

Cash on Hand, Feb. 3, 1953.....	1,843.37
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CLAYTON E. HOWES

Treasurer

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

Report of Town Clerk, 1952-1953, as of February 3, 1953.

There were 11 births: 3 at home; 8 in hospitals elsewhere.

There were 3 marriages.

There were 18 deaths recorded.

4 citizens buried here; none buried elsewhere.

Non-residents brought here for burial, 4.

Non-residents born here, brought here for burial, 3.

Non-residents born here, buried elsewhere, 7.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

**REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF**  
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Number of calls during year—9

Brush Fires 1

Grass Fires 4

Building Fires 2

Chimney Fires 2

Total Town Valuation lost—\$100.00

RUSSELL B. KNIGHT

Fire Chief



## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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Another year of Public Health Nursing service, with its ever expanding program, has been completed. Much of the success of the program can be credited to the efficient work of the Health Committee.

Under the Maternal and Child Health Program, 3 Child Health Conferences have been held. The total attendance of infants and pre-school children were 33. Physical examinations, immunizations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and smallpox were given by the attending physician. These conferences were well planned and conducted. An immunization program has been carried on in the school: 23 children were given protection against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox.

The Department of Health and Welfare sponsored clinics have been available to the community. The X-ray, Pediatric, Crippled Children's, Speech and Mental Hygiene Clinics have all served your community.

Your Public Health Nurse has enjoyed her work in Searsmont. She wishes to extend her thanks to the Town Officials, Local Health Officer, School personnel and Health Committee for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the various activities. It is such cooperation and team work which insures a successful and worth while Community Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA CREAMER

Public Health Nurse

## ANNUAL REPORT

## OAK GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Feb. 4, 1952, Bal. in First Nat. Bank	1,717.04	
May 1, 1952, Interest.....	8.58	
Nov. 1, 1952, Interest.....	8.62	
Feb. 3, 1953, Bal. in First Nat. Bank		1,734.24
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## CHARLES RIPLEY FUND INVESTMENTS

Feb. 3, 1953 U. S. Savings Series G. Bonds		7,800.00
Yearly Income.....	195.00	

## CHARLES RIPLEY FUND No. 8213

Feb. 4, 1952 Bal. in First Nat. Bank	920.26	
May 1, 1952, Interest.....	4.60	
Nov. 1, 1952, Interest.....	4.62	
Feb. 3, 1953 Bal. in First Nat. Bank		929.48
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## CHARLES RIPLEY INCOME FUND

Feb. 4, 1952 Bal. in First Nat. Bank	768.15	
May 1, 1952, Interest.....	3.51	
Nov. 1, 1952, Interest.....	3.85	
Dec. 15, 1952, Deposit.....	97.50	
Dec. 20, 1952, Withdrawal.....		50.00
Dec. 20, 1952, Withdrawal.....		50.00
Jan. 17, 1953, Withdrawal.....		100.00
Jan. 17, 1953, Withdrawal.....		50.00
Feb. 3, 1953, Bal. in First Nat. Bank		623.01
	<hr/> 873.01	<hr/> 873.01

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Resources

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1952.....	289.98	
Raised by Town.....	8,500.00	
State School Fund.....	5,151.00	
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Total.....		13,940.98

## Liabilities

Elementary Teachers.....	6,633.45	
Elementary Tuition.....	250.00	
Professional Credit-Summer School ....	50.00	
Secondary Tuition.....	2,255.86	
Conveyance and Bus Insurance .....	2,890.46	
Janitor Service.....	177.47	
Fuel.....	590.14	
Textbooks and Supplies.....	469.81	
Electricity.....	80.64	
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Total.....		13,397.83
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Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1953 .....		543.15

## LUNCH ACCOUNT

Raised by Town.....	200.00	
Paid on Order.....	121.92	
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Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1953.....		78.08

## ANNUAL REPORT

## REPAIR

Raised by Town.....	500.00	
Paid on Order.....	483.58	
Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1953.....		16.42

## PROPOSED BUDGET

## Need

Elementary Teachers.....	7,200.00	
Elementary Tuition.....	275.00	
Secondary Tuition.....	3,971.00	
Janitor and Cleaning Service.....	225.00	
Conveyance .....	3,060.00	
Fuel.....	625.00	
Textbooks and Supplies.....	450.00	
Electricity.....	100.00	
Total .....		15,906.00

## Sources

State School Fund .....	5,500.00	
To be raised by Town.....	10,406.00	
Total .....		15,906.00
To be raised for repair & insurance.....		500.00

An inspection of the proposed budget reveals that the expenditures on secondary tuition is nearly doubled that of this past year. This is the trend of the year and must be cared for as an unavoidable expense.

Considerable repair was made at the North School this year. The woodshed was repaired. A new set of curtains was put up. The doors, stove, windows and seats were all repaired. The

foundation of the Village School has been given considerable repair and attention. The heating plant has been given minor but rather troublesome repairs.

The state money under the new law was cut about 7% this year and we are due for a 5% reduction in our next year's state school fund. We hoped that with the derivation of new revenue the state would forward some now on its full allotment. The failure of the state to do so simply means that the town must not only appropriate its own requirement but care for a part of the state's obligation. We have been fortunate in having for the past year such superior services in our teaching staff. Few schools have fared as well.

I am enjoying my new home with you and join with you in the burden of taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS L. GRAY

Superintendent of Schools

State of Maine  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT  
Augusta

December 10, 1952

Mr. R. B. Knight, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
Searsmont, Maine

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your request to have this department make an audit of the books and records of the Town of Searsmont for the 1952 municipal year.

It is our policy to give preference to the municipalities who apply first, therefore, due to previous commitments, it will be impossible for us to do this work before sometime in June, 1953. We have, however, scheduled this audit for that time.

As you know it is difficult to fulfill an exacting schedule due to many circumstances beyond our control. We have no reason to believe, at this time, that the work cannot be completed as scheduled. If we find that a change is necessary, you will be advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,

C. NEWELL DYKE

CND:lf

Municipal Auditor



State of Maine  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT  
Augusta

July 30, 1952

Board of Selectmen  
Searsmont,  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Searsmont have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 4, 1952.

The examination was made by Auditor D. E. Nielson in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated. A recommendation is also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY

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State Auditor

## COMMENTS

## Town of Searsmont

February 8, 1951 to February 4, 1952

An audit of the books and records of the Town of Searsmont has been completed for the municipal year ended February 4, 1952. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector.

The result of the examination indicated that transfers between accounts should be recorded by journal entry rather than to clear through the Treasurer's cash account.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of revenues and expenditures. The result of the year's operations showed that expenditures exceeded available funds by \$517.78 and is summarized as follows:

Overdrafts.....	2,783.38
Unexpended Balances.....	2,265.60
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Net Overdrafts.....	517.78

Overdrafts were noted in various appropriation accounts, more particularly in the Charity, Unclassified, and Highway and Bridges accounts totaling \$1,046.43, \$814.69, and \$784.37 respectively. The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute, except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

A comparative statement of revenues and expenditures, (Exhibit B), disclosed that for the 1952 year, revenues increased \$3,220.21 over the previous year. Expenditures for the same period increased by \$4,119.27. The factors contributing to these differences were reviewed with no exceptions noted. The following is a summary of the differences as compared with revenues and expenditures of the preceding year:

Increased Revenue		Increased Expenditures	
Gain on Sale of Tax Acquired		Charities	\$2,150.84
Property	\$918.18	Education	1,347.72
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes	866.73	Abatements	478.89
State of Maine	402.48		
Reimbursements & Refunds	384.71		
	2,572.10		3,977.45
Add-Other Accounts (Net)	648.11	Add-Other Accounts (Net)	141.82
Net Increase	\$3,220.21	Net Increase	\$4,119.27

It was ascertained from the records of the Town Clerk that the townspeople voted to transfer \$500.00 of excise tax monies to the State Aid Road No. 4 account. It was further noted that there was no record authorizing the transfer of \$1,490.09 of excise tax funds to the Snow Removal account or of the appropriation of \$200.00 for Civil Defense.

The unappropriated surplus of \$4,312.15 at the beginning of the municipal year was decreased to \$3,559.65 at the year end. This increase was attributable to the excess of expenditures over available funds of \$517.78, and the creation of a reserve for losses on tax accounts amounting to \$234.72.

### Scope of Audit

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Revenues and expenditures were examined by methods and to the extent deemed necessary. Letters of verification were utilized to determine the correctness of tax and tax lien account balances; also, insurance policies and surety bonds were examined.

Included in this report are various exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial position of the Town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed necessary to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the Town at February 4, 1952, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

## ANNUAL REPORT

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

## General Fund

## ASSETS

	February 4, 1952	February 7, 1951
Cash in Bank . . . . .	1,349.69	23.63
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1) . . .	369.36	493.84
Taxes Receivable (Sch. A-2) . . . . .	3,048.81	4,890.75
Less—Reserve for Losses . . . . .	234.72	
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Tax Liens (Sch. A-3) . . . . .	866.48	1,211.85
Less—Reserve for Losses . . . . .	10.03	14.21
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Tax Acquired Property (Sch. A-4)	856.45	1,197.64
	191.89	
Total—General Fund . . . . .	<hr/> 5,581.48	<hr/> 6,605.86

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. A-5) . . . . .	24.45	4.45
Tax Anticipation Loan . . . . .		1,000.00
Treasurer's Suspense . . . . .	.61	
Total Liabilities . . . . .	<hr/> 25.06	<hr/> 1,004.45

## RESERVE

Authorized Expenditures (Ex. D)	1,996.77	1,289.26
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## SURPLUS

Unappropriated (Exhibit C) . . . . .	3,559.65	4,312.15
Total—General Fund . . . . .	<hr/> 5,581.48	<hr/> 6,605.86

## Debt Fund

## ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue . . . . .	3,100.00	4,400.00
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## LIABILITIES

Notes Payable (Sch. A-6) . . . . .	3,100.00	4,400.00
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## EXHIBIT B

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues:	Years Ended		
	Feb. 4, '52	Feb. 7, '51	Feb. 6, '50
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes.....	30,402.69	29,535.96	27,006.32
Supplemental Taxes.....	424.84	159.40	50.32
Excise Taxes.....	1,997.89	1,972.42	1,806.09
State of Maine.....	11,323.65	10,921.17	8,687.13
Gain on Disposition of Tax Acquired			
Property.....	918.18		
Sale of Gravel.....	193.70		
Tax Lien Costs and Interest.....	145.49	58.90	12.54
Rent of Town Property.....	70.00		
Sale of Cemetery Lot.....	20.00		
Reimbursements and Refunds.....	459.05	74.34	92.47
Sale of Equipment and Supplies.....	42.00	9.50	24.85
Rental of Equipment.....	23.00	415.10	237.51
Use of Tractor and Sanders.....	337.23		
Miscellaneous.....	9.28		22.11
Total Revenues.....	46,367.00	43,146.79	37,939.34
Add:			
Carrying Balances Expended.....			1,102.86
	46,367.00	43,146.79	39,042.20
Deduct:			
Revenue Applicable to Appropriation			
Carrying Balances.....	707.51	581.96	
Total.....	45,659.49	42,564.83	39,042.20
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General Government.....	3,506.87	3,994.59	2,942.99
Protection.....	701.70	652.54	542.21
Health.....	55.00	55.00	55.00
Highways and Bridges.....	16,755.96	15,408.24	13,124.20
Charities.....	4,632.20	2,481.36	3,289.82
Education.....	13,481.92	13,273.48	13,301.05
Cemeteries.....	129.43	70.51	130.75
Interest.....	256.10	250.25	238.00
Municipal Indebtedness.....	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Special Assessments.....	4,343.45	4,056.48	4,056.48
Abatements.....	601.65	122.76	210.21
Discounts.....	213.04	192.94	175.44
White Pine Blister Rust.....	199.95	199.85	
Total Expenditures.....	46,177.27	42,058.00	39,366.15
Excess of Expenditures over Available			
Funds.....	517.78		323.95
Excess of Available Funds over			
Expenditures.....		506.83	

The Complete Audit is available in the Selectmen's Office.

## TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine

County of Waldo, ss

To Clayton E. Howes, a Constable of the Town of Searsmont  
in the County of Waldo, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Searsmont qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in the Village in said Town on the second day of March, A. D. 1953 at ten o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To choose a member of the School Committee for three years.
- Art. 8. To choose one or more Constables and a Collector of Taxes and to determine the method of collecting the taxes.



Art. 9. To choose a Fire Chief for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose all other Town Officers.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will accept the following ordinance, to wit:

Be it ordained by the Inhabitants of the Town of Searsmont, in the County of Waldo and State of Maine,

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, company or corporation, to kindle a fire on his or its own land or land of another, other than for household purposes without first obtaining a permit for same from the Fire Chief.

Sec. 2. Any person or persons, firm, company or corporation violating any of the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to prosecution by the Courts of Waldo County and the State of Maine, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00; or by imprisonment for not more than three months; or by both said fine and imprisonment.

Art. 12. To see what wages the Town will vote to pay men, teams and trucks for the ensuing year.

- (a) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- (b) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- (c) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- (d) To see what the Town will vote to pay the Fire Chief for the ensuing year.

- (e) To see what the Town will vote to pay all other Town Officers.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to grant a two per cent. or more abatements on taxes for voluntary cash payment on or before July 10, 1953.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$55.00 for Public Health Nursing in Searsmont, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for Local Service..... \$55.00
- Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges (under the provisions of Section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended. .... \$1,066.00
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to take the necessary funds from the State Aid Joint Fund, for the purpose of reconstructing and bituminous treatment of one-half mile of State Aid Road No. 2 (Camden Moody Mt. Road) extending from the State Highway No. 131.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to pay Poor Relief loan at Bank.
- Art. 18. To see what method the Town will vote to adopt for the care of the poor and needy of said Town during the ensuing year.
- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for poor relief..... \$3,000.00
- Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Mothers' Aid..... \$1,000.00

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- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Supplement Aid to Old Age Assistance and Blind..... \$1,000.00
- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for salaries of Town Officers. \$1,200.00
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Commission of Tax Collector. \$400.00
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Contingent Expenses..... \$400.00
- Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Roads and Bridges..... \$3,000.00
- Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Pond Road..... \$100.00
- Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lighting Service. \$150.00
- Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for maintainance of Improved Third Class Road..... \$631.00
- Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Snow Removal for the year 1953-1954 and by what method snow shall be removed. \$1,200.00
- Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Town Report, Fuel and Office Supplies. \$500.00
- Art. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Interest on Loans..... \$225.00

- Art. 32. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for support of Common Schools for the coming year..... \$10,500.00
- Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire Department Equipment. \$150.00
- Art. 34. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the salary of School Superintendent..... \$300.00
- Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay note on Town Meeting Hall..... \$500.00
- Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to maintain Special Resolve Road..... \$100.00
- Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$800.00 to take care of Note at the First National Bank of Belfast, used for Schoolhouse Repairs..... \$800.00
- Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit-claim Deeds for such Property.
- Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a Temporary Loan or Loans, not to exceed a total of \$6000.00, and to execute and deliver in the name of the Town its note or notes therefor, said loan or loans to be paid during the municipal year out of the money raised by taxes during the current year.
- Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$500.00 for construction of New England Road, beginning at end of Third Class Road..... \$500.00

- Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to earmark \$500.00 of Excise Tax for construction of New England Road, beginning at end of Third Class Road..... \$500.00
- Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$200.00 for School Lunches..... \$200.00
- Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct and build the Ghent Bridge.
- Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct and build the Bickford Bridge.
- Art. 44a. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum not exceeding \$5000.00 and to give the note or the notes of the Town therefor for the purpose of rebuilding the Ghent and/or Bickford bridges, the said note or notes to be payable in five annual installments in approximately equal amounts, reserving the right to the Town to anticipate any and all installments.
- Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to apply the second unit of the State Aid money to Bridge Construction.
- Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Knight Road so-called, from the McCarthy Place to the Hope Town line, reserving the right of way for adjoining owners.
- Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Nickerson Road so-called, from George Barrett's driveway to Morrill Town Line, reserving the right of way for adjoining owners.
- Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Mahoney Road so-called, reserving the right of way for adjoining owners.

- Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Road across Muzzy Bridge so called, reserving right of way for adjoining owners.
- Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$300.00 to finish ell on Town Building, for housing tractor and snow plow..... \$300.00
- Art. 51. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for old cemeteries and flags..... \$150.00
- Art. 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for supplement aid to care of Oak Grove cemetery and any other necessary aid for other cemeteries. \$40.00
- Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 32, Section 54..... \$200.00
- Art. 54. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for schoolhouse repairs and insurance and new equipment..... \$500.00

These appropriations were recommended by the Planning Committee.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town Hall at nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon on the second day of March, A. D. 1953, for correcting the voting lists.

Given under our hand this twenty-first day of February A. D. 1953. A true copy attest:

CLAYTON E. HOWES  
Constable of Searsmont

RUSSELL B. KNIGHT  
IRVIN R. JACKSON  
CLARENCE E. GELO  
Selectmen of Searsmont



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF STEUBEN  
MAINE

For the Municipal Year 1953

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Hutchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

# **TOWN OFFICERS**

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## **Selectmen**

E. H. Page                  W. H. Baker                  Charles Tracy

## **Assessors**

E. H. Page                  W. H. Baker                  Charles Tracy

## **Department of Public Welfare**

E. H. Page                  W. H. Baker                  Charles Tracy

**Town Clerk**—Marion Thurston

**Treasurer and Tax Collector**—Roger W. Smith

## **Road Commissioners**

E. H. Page                  W. H. Baker                  Charles Tracy

**Fire Department**—Lee Holland

**Fire Warden**—Edgar Grant

**Civil Defense**—Philip S. Dutton

**Constable**—Edgar Grant

**Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark**  
Fred O'Brien

**Health Department**—Dr. E. B. Stanley

**Care of Town Dump**—Selectmen

**Superintendent of Schools**—Reginald Haskins

## **School Department**

Edgar Grant                  George Jacobs                  John Garnett

**Truant Officer**—Chester Seavey

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TOWN OF STEUBEN  
**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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**Sawyer & Sawyer**  
**Accountants and Auditors**  
**Milbridge, Maine**

November 4, 1953

Board of Selectmen  
Steuben, Maine  
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, we have audited the records of the Town of Steuben for the period January 31, 1952 to January 31, 1953.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable to the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and Schedules included in this report impartially present the financial position of the Town and the result of its operations for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in the report may prove of interest to you, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,  
SAWYER & SAWYER  
By A. P. Stewart  
Accountants and Auditors

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The Selectmen have endeavored to fulfill their obligations and oath of office, to the best of their ability during the past year.

E. H. PAGE  
W. H. BAKER  
C. E. TRACY

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

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### Valuation

Real Estate, Resident	\$152,102.00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	103,535.00
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Total Real Estate	\$255,637.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$18,105.00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	3,972.00
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Total Personal Estate	\$22,077.00
Grand Total, 1953	\$277,714.00
Grand Total, 1952	274,610.00
Rate of Taxation \$102. per \$1,000.00 of Valuation	
Number of Polls Taxed 169 at \$3.00	\$507.00
Number of Polls not Taxed 61	

### Appropriations for the Year 1953

Administration	\$3,200.00 ✓
Interest	500.00 ✓
Abatements	250.00 ✓
Street Lights	912.00 ✓
General Repairs, Town Property	500.00 ✓
Health Officer	25.00 ✓
Town Dump	50.00 ✓
Memorial Flags	15.00 ✓
School Repairs Note	400.00
Dyer Bay Bridge Note	500.00
Unionville Bridge Note	480.48
Fire House & Fire Truck Improvement	800.00
Fire & Fire Dep't.	500.00 ✓
Repairs of J. Leighton Road	508.27 ✓

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Support of Poor	800.00✓
Aid - Dependent Children	1,000.00✓
Roads and Bridges	3,000.00✓
Snow Removal	2,200.00✓
Snow Removal, No. 1 Highway	214.00✓
Third Class Road	200.00✓
State Aid Road Construction	1,066.00✓
School Maintenance	12,000.00✓
County Tax	1,191.80✓
Overlay	692.48

	<hr/>	\$ 31,005.73
Taken from car tax by vote of town		\$ 2,180.48
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Total Commitment		\$ 28,825.25



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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### ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$ 3,200.00
Paul Floyd, oil bbl's.	17.36
Eunice Fickett, cost of deed	3.00
Horace Haskell, weir license	15.00
Town Clerk, victulars license	2.00
State Treas, Bank Stock	31.65
Agent of Parish House, for gravel	13.00
Irving Parritt, for paint	1.00
State Treas., R. R. Tax	.45
State Treas., dog tax refund	10.35
Thad. West, cost of deed	3.00
First Nat'l. Bank, Bar Harbor cemetery fund	1.50
Selectmen, Ada Noyes cemetery fund	1.50
Union Trust Co., cemetery fund	10.01
Ralph D. Johnson Jr., cost of deed	3.00
Transferred from overlay	152.25
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	\$ 3,465.07

### Expenditures

Howard Brooks, service, Constable	\$ 32.00
L. E. Stanwood, service, Moderator	5.00
Roger Smith, service, use of car,	
School Meeting	11.25
W. H. Baker, service, School Meeting	1.25
Chas. Tracy, service, School Meeting	1.25
Edw. H. Page, service, School Meeting	1.25
Edw. H. Page, Selectman, Assessor &	
Overseer of Poor & Road Comm.	500.00

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W. H. Baker, Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of Poor & Road Comm.	325.00
Chas. Tracy, Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of Poor & Road Comm.	325.00
Edgar Grant, services, Constable	25.30
Lee Holland, services, Fire Chief	150.00
Roger Smith, comm., Collector	574.42
John Garnett, School Committee	30.00
George Jacobs, School Committee	30.00
Edgar Grant, School Committee	30.00
Marion Thurston, Town Clerk	50.00
Eugene Piper, (Town Clock)	25.00
Roger Smith, Salary, Town Treasurer	160.00
Roger Smith, comm., Coll. on 1952 Taxes	14.96
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	\$ 2,291.68

## Supplies, Postage and Telephone:

Roger Smith, supplies	\$ 14.68
Parrit Market	1.45
Hutchins Bros.	11.15
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	26.36
J. F. Leighton, supplies	1.10
U. S. Auto Guide for Coll.	7.00
Selectmen, postage and tel., 1953	28.08
Roger Smith, postage for Treas.	67.40
I. W. Parritt, postage, 1952	8.00
Town Clerk, postage	.86
Marks Printing House	4.54
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	\$ 170.62

## Car Hire for Town Officers:

I. W. Parritt, 1952	\$38.00
Selectmen, 1953	63.50

Edgar Grant, Constable	3.00	
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		\$ 104.50
Town Reports and Audit:		
Sawyer & Sawyer	\$ 100.00	
Hancock County Pub. Co.	285.95	
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		\$ 385.95
Care of Village Green:		
Alton Dinsmore	\$ 65.00	
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		\$ 65.00
Care of Cemetery Lots:		
Pd. S. E. Dutton	\$11.00	
Pd. Irving Piper	1.50	
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		\$ 12.50
Insurance:		
D. F. Sawyer	\$ 87.25	
James Millikan, Agt.	41.00	
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		\$ 128.25
Miscellaneous:		
Parritt Market	\$ 1.00	
George Pinkham	1.00	
Roger Leighton	5.50	
Edw. H. Page, services on weir		
permit	1.66	
W. H. Baker, services on weir		
permit	1.66	
Chas Tracy, services on weir		
permit	1.66	
L. E. Stanwood, Hall rent	10.00	
Roger Smith, making out tax liens	149.53	

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Registry of Deeds, recording liens	84.05	
Blake Barkley, tax lien	15.36	
Henry Sawyer, fee for making out deeds	30.50	
Machias Valley News	.75	
State Treas., testing water for school	3.90	
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		\$ 306.57
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Total		\$ 3,465.07

## Roads and Bridges

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Transferred State Tax	500.00	
State Treas., Flood Re-fund	193.60	
Ira Parritt, for culvert	15.00	
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		\$ 3,208.60

## Expenditures

### Trucks:

George Pinkham	\$ 45.44	
W. A. Smith	181.68	
Hosea Follett	139.29	
Henry Follett	63.42	
Henry Morse	268.09	
Austin Corniel	75.40	
Ralph Perry Jr.	9.99	
Spencer Leighton	40.00	
A. W. Leighton	80.47	
Carl Tracy	53.00	
John Garnett	20.00	
Arnold Willey	42.72	
L. Yeaton	10.60	
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		\$ 1,030.10

## Labor:

Lee Holland	\$ 91.36
W. A. Smith	11.62
Donald Smith	3.32
Roger Smith	31.19
Horace Haskell	16.76
W. H. Baker	13.91
Chas. Tracy	3.75
Henry Follett	50.02
Walter Tibbetts	45.87
Freeman Holland	9.14
Gerald Follett	16.09
George Pinkham	2.02
Alton Dinsmore	13.92
Clyde Shoppee	66.59
Alvin Holland	8.70
Willie Lowe	77.47
Everett Leighton	51.42
Everett Seavey	14.94
Willie Follett	4.92
George Jacobs	9.13
David Leighton	1.74
Earl Pinkham	3.04
Paul Jacobs	4.35
Andrew Leighton	22.24
Norman Farnsworth	3.48
Willis Flynn	41.50
Gordon Crosby	38.28
Roy Colson	20.88
Edw. H. Page	117.56
Ralph Perry	64.90
George Mitchell	3.04
Dale Crosby	6.96
Henry Morse	15.66
Ralph Smith	3.48
Irving Piper	10.46

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Clyde Schaffer	6.96
H. E. Church	3.05
Lawrence Hilliker	8.27
L. Yeaton	3.92

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\$ 921.91

## Gravel:

C. C. Baker	\$ 155.60
Everett Leighton	10.20
P. S. Dutton	7.50

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\$ 173.30

## Supplies:

Steuben Groc.	\$ 11.20
Parritt Market	6.80
Ellsworth Building Co., planks	170.43
Geo. Ricker	3.05
Sargent Garage	2.00
New England Metal Co., culverts	68.28
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills, culverts	60.37
Harold Handy	1.00

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\$ 322.95

## Use of Graders:

Town of Millbridge	\$ 218.25
Town of Cherryfield	6.00

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\$ 224.25

Grand Total	\$ 2,672.51
Unexpended to Surplus	536.09

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\$3,208.60

**Third Class Road**

Transferred by vote of Town	\$ 200.00
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## Expenditures:

Trucks and labor	\$ 164.72
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Unexpended to Surplus	\$ 35.28
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**Town Road Improvement Fund**

Received from State Treas.	\$ 1,536.97
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## Expenditures

Trucks and Labor	\$ 1,536.97
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Car Tax Received	\$ 1,916.56
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Transferred by vote of Town	\$ 1,916.56
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To Bridge Notes	\$ 1,000.00
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To School Note	400.00
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To Roger Smith, refund on 1952 car tax	27.92
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To Fire Dep't. for Improvement	488.64
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	\$ 1,916.56
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**Snow Removal**

Appropriation	\$ 1,100.00
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Transferred from car tax	1,100.00
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Rec'd. from State Treas.	65.18
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	\$ 2,265.18
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## Plowing:

Lawrence Parritt, plowing	\$ 455.50
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Cecil Farley, wingman	13.92
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Geo. Pinkham, wingman	3.48
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Scott Dyer, wingman	6.09
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Henry Follett, plowing	139.62
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Hosea Follett, plowing	55.34
Walter Tibbetts, wingman	29.58

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\$ 703.53

## Sanding:

Geo. Pinkham, truck	\$13.52
Irving Phinney, labor	1.74
Henry Morse, truck	12.12
Vernell Leighton, labor	2.61
Freeman Holland, labor	1.74
Howard Wakefield, labor	4.35
Forrest Atwater, labor	2.61
Alvin Holland, labor	3.48
Lee Holland, labor	1.74
Harry Huntley, labor	3.04
Henry Follett, truck	8.30

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\$ 55.25

## Trucks and Labor on Snow Fencing and Stock Piles:

W. A. Smith, truck and labor	\$ 5.05
Alton Dinsmore, labor	3.05
Alvin Holland, labor	4.35
Lee Holland, truck and labor	15.49
Gordon Crosby, labor, posts	10.00
Clyde Shaffer, labor	11.31
Willie Lowe, labor	10.44
Henry Morse, truck	57.12
Henry Follett, truck	31.20
Geo. Pinkham, truck	24.03
Ernest Parritt, truck	20.28
Austin Corneil, truck	31.20
Lawrence Hilliker, labor	9.14
Irving Piper, labor	9.14
Edw. Page, labor	9.14
Earlan Robinson, labor	3.48

State Treas, use of power shovel 70.00

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\$ 324.42

Total \$ 1,083.20  
Unexpended to Surplus \$ 1,181.98

### Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation \$ 1,000.00

#### Expenditures

Paid State Treasurer \$ 947.80

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Unexpended to Surplus \$ 52.20

### State Cases

Received from State Treas. \$ 518.17

#### Expenditures

Veteran Case No. 1 \$ 360.29

Veteran Case No. 2 439.21

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\$ 799.50

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Balance Due from the State \$ 281.33

### Town Poor

Appropriation \$ 800.00

Rec'd. from S. E. Dutton, rent for

Jan. and Feb. 10.00

Irvin Parritt, refund on poor acc't 2.50

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\$ 812.50

#### Expenditures

Kate Dutton, Medical:

Dr. E. B. Stanley \$ 106.50

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## Samuel Dutton, Medical and Fuel:

Dr. E. B. Stanley	\$ 28.25
Fred O'Brien, wood	4.00

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\$ 32.25

## T. K. Baker, Groceries and Medical:

A. W. Robbins	\$ 222.21
Dr. L. A. Betteridge	4.50
Parritt Market	5.00
Dr. E. B. Stanley	24.50
Steuben Groc. Co.	6.59

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\$ 262.80

## Edward Tucker, Supplies:

Robie Ames	\$ 8.90
Town of Northport	6.99

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\$ 15.89

## Cosfield, Supplies:

Steuben Groc.	\$3.00
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\$ 3.00

## Veteran Case No. 1:

Steuben Groc.	\$ 31.82
Dr. E. B. Stanley	6.00

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\$ 37.82

Expenses on Barkley Case	\$ 197.22
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\$ 197.22

## Mrs. Howard Brooks, Supplies:

Town of Old Orchard Beach	\$15.00
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\$ 15.00

Total	\$ 670.48
Unexpended Balance to Surplus	142.02

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Grand Total	\$ 812.50
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**Town Notes Payments**

Transferred from Excise Tax	\$ 1,400.00
Paid Union Trust Co.	\$ 1,400.00

**Temporary Loan**

From Union Trust Co.	\$ 7,500.00
Paid Union Trust Co.	\$ 7,500.00

**General Repairs Acc't. and Maintenance  
of All Town Property**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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**Expenditures****Snow Plow Parts and Repairing:**

Fred's Express	\$ 2.95
Howard Fairfield	
Snyder Bros.	30.60
Earl Newenham, express	1.35
Union Steel Co., blades	237.00
F. W. Burnham Co., bolts	1.27
Parritt Market, freight	1.13
N. H. Bragg & Sons	3.95
R. B. Dunning & Co.	9.34

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\$ 358.89

**Fire Truck and Building**

Parritt Market	\$ 2.00
Lester Young, parts for pump	4.90
Lee Holland	4.60
Sargent's Garage, repairs on truck	65.37

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Donald Leighton, repairs, windows	14.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 90.87
Total		\$ 449.76
Unexpended to Surplus		50.24
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		\$ 500.00

**Fire Department**

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Rec'd. from Town of Gouldsboro, use of Fire Truck	50.00	
Rec'd. from Town of Millbridge, use of Fire Truck	90.00	
Rec'd. from State Treas., refund on forest fire	746.82	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,386.82

**Expenditures**

Bangor Hvdro Co.	\$ 24.20	
Parritt Market, oil and gas	10.02	
Steuben Groc. Co., oil and gas	6.11	
Geo. Godfrey, oil bbl.	3.00	
Alvin Holland, fires	9.57	
Freeman Holland, fires	2.61	
Lee Holland, fires	9.71	
State Fire Warden, fires	28.76	
C. H. Buzzell, food	2.81	
Fire in Bailey's Woods	1,464.87	
Cecil Farley, fires	5.22	
Parritt Oil Co.	18.19	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,585.07
Overdrawn to Surplus		198.25

**Dyke Bridge at Morgador**

Loan from Union Trust Co.	\$ 2,425.00
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	Expenditures
Paid State Treas.	\$ 2,425.00

**Dep't. of Improvement and Fire Truck**

Transferred by vote of town from car tax	\$ 488.64
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	Expenditures
R. B. Strout, labor and material	\$ 117.42

		\$ 117.42
Unexpended Balance to Surplus		371.22

Total		\$ 488.64
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**Dyke Road to J. Leighton Road**

Appropriation, Voted by Town '53	\$508.97
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	Expenditures
Paid County Treas.	\$ 508.97

**Street Lights**

Appropriation	\$ 912.00
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	Expenditures
Paid Bangor Hydro Co.	\$ 875.20

Unexpended Balance to Surplus	\$ 36.80
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**Health Officer**

Appropriation	\$ 25.00
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	Expenditures
Dr. E. B. Stanley, Health Officer	\$ 25.00

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## County Tax

Appropriation \$ 1,191.80

## Expenditures

Paid County Treas. \$ 1,191.80

## State Aid Road Acc't.

Appropriation \$ 1,066.00

## Expenditures

Paid State Treas. \$ 1,066.00

## Flags for Memorial

Appropriation \$ 15.00

## Expenditures

Paid Narraguagus Post No. 8 \$ 15.00

## Interest Acc't. and Service Charges

Appropriation \$ 500.00

## Expenditures

Paid Union Trust Co., Int. on Notes \$ 279.79

Paid Union Trust Co., Service Charges 41.80

Roger Smith, Refund on Interest 3.33

	\$ 324.92
Unexpended Balance to Surplus	175.08

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\$ 500.00

## Town Dump

Appropriation \$ 50.00

## Expenditures

Lawrence Parritt with Tractor \$9.00

Phil Stanwood 3.00

Gordon Crosby 6.98

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Total	\$ 18.98
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Unexpended to Surplus	31.02
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\$ 50.00



**Equivalent to Amount of State Tax**

Appropriation	\$ 2,140.49	
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Expenditures		
Transferred by Vote of Town to Roads	\$ 500.00	
Transferred by Vote of Town to Snow Removal	1,100.00	
Transferred by Vote of Town to Plowing No. 1	214.00	
Transferred by vote of town to Third Class Road	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,014.00
Unexpended to Surplus		126.49
Grand Total		\$ 2,140.49

**Tax Liens of 1952 Commitment**

Roger Smith, credit for liens	\$ 1,407.26
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Received from Roger Smith, liens	1,407.26

**Plowing U. S. No. 1**

Appropriation	\$ 214.00	
Expenditures		
Paid State Treas., plowing No. 1, 1952	\$214.00	
Paid State Treas. plowing No. 1, 1953	214.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 428.00
Grand Total		\$ 428.00
Overdrawn to Surplus		\$214.00
Rec'd. from Roger Smith, Coll., Interest on 1952 and 1953 taxes	\$ 26.10	

**Abatements**

Appropriation	\$ 250.00
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**Resident**

Roger Smith, on 1952 tax	\$ 21.50
Donald Alexander, on boat	4.00
Theresa Brooks, no property	15.30
Darrell Fickett, out of town	3.00
Harold Getchell, out of town	3.00
Ernest Hannington, out of town	3.00
George Jacobs Sr., no such person	4.02
Percy King, no boat	15.30
Reginald Leighton, out of town	4.02
Everett Leighton, sick	3.00
Ella Leighton, on barn	7.65
Michael Arthur Sr. not here	3.00
Michael Arthur Jr. not here	3.00
Leamon Pinkham, in army	3.00
Irving Piper, mistake in figures	5.10
Chas. A. Robinson Jr., in army	3.00
Walter Robinson, poll tax and real estate	6.57
Galen Stevens, on boat	10.00
Geo. Thurston, out of town	3.00
Dana Tucker, property sold on lien	43.86
Ira and Galen West, property sold on lien	10.20
Carroll Fickett, out of town	3.00

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\$ 177.52

**Non - Resident**

Edward S. Brown, overvalued	\$ 7.65
Socony Oil Co., tank taken out in Unionville	2.55
Alfred Seifist, land taxed twice	27.48
Will Simonton, land taxed to Chas. and Annie Curtis	2.55

Jasper Wyman Heirs, taxed to

Alfred Semst

24.48

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\$ 64.71

Grand Total

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\$ 242.23

Unexpended to Surplus

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7.77

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\$ 250.00**Supplemental Taxes - 1953**

Collected

\$ 129.27

Unexpended to Surplus

\$ 129.27

Overlay for 1953

\$ 692.48

Transferred to Administration

152.25

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Unexpended to Surplus

\$ 540.23

**Financial Statement****Assets**

Cash on Hand Jan. 31, 1954

\$ 4,467.51

Due from Roger Smith, Coll. 1953

2,139.70

Due from Tax Liens, 1952

375.40

Due from Tax Liens, 1951

911.38

Due from Tax Liens, 1950

63.66

Due from Town of Holden

36.14

Due from Town of Dedham

2,146.47

Due from Town of Fort Fairfield

430.79

Bal. Due from Estate of Edith Randall

30.15

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Total

\$12,601.20

**Liabilities**

Balance on High School Repair

Project of 1949

\$ 400.00

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Balance on Dyer Bay Bridge Project of 1949	480.00
Balance on Unionville Bridge Project of 1951	1,350.00
Loan from Union Trust Co. Dyke bridge at Morgador, 1953	2,425.00
Total	<u>\$ 4,655.00</u>
Balance Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,946.20</u>

**Trust Funds**

Principal	\$ 1,200.00
Invested as Trust Fund	\$ 1,200.00

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*E. W. Page*  
*C. E. Tracy*

## ANNUAL REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

	Appropriation	Cash Receipts	Balance 1952	Total Available	Cash Disbursements	Overdraft	Unexpended
Administration	\$3,200.00	\$112.82		\$3,312.82	\$3,465.07	\$152.25	
Road & Bridges	3,000.00	208.60		3,208.60	2,672.51		\$536.09
3rd Class Road	200.00			200.00	164.72		35.28
Town Road Improvement	1,536.97			1,536.97	1,536.97		
Snow Removal	2,200.00			2,200.00	1,083.20		1,116.80
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00			1,000.00	947.80		52.20
Town Poor	800.00	12.50		812.00	670.48		142.02
Town Notes Payment	1,400.00			1,400.00	1,400.00		
General Repairs & Maint.	500.00			500.00	449.76		50.24
Fire Department	500.00	886.82		1,386.82	1,585.07	198.25	
Dept. of Improvements	488.64			488.64	117.42		371.22
Dyke Road J. Leighton	508.97			508.97	508.97		
Street Lights	912.00			912.00	875.20		36.80
Health Officer	25.00			25.00	25.00		
County Tax	1,191.80			1,191.80	1,191.80		
State Aid Road	1,066.00			1,066.00	1,066.00		
Flags	15.00			15.00	15.00		
Interest	500.00			500.00	324.92		175.08
Town Dump	50.00			50.00	18.98		31.02
Equivalent to State Tax	2,140.49			2,140.49	2,014.00		126.49
Plowing U. S. No. 1	214.00	2 bills for 1952 & 1953		214.00	428.00	214.00	
Rec. from Roger Smith Interest on 1952 & 1953 Taxes	26.10			26.10			26.10
Abatements	250.00			250.00	242.23		7.77
School Dept.	12,060.00	10,983.55	\$733.00	23,716.55	23,774.58	50.03	
Totals All Depts.	\$33,734.97	\$12,104.29	\$733.00	\$46,661.70	\$44,577.63	\$614.53	\$2,772.29

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Feb. 1st, 1953, Cash on Hand	\$1,884.35
Temporary Loans, Union Trust Co.	7,500.00
1952 Tax Collections, Roger W. Smith	748.10
1953 Excise Taxes, Roger W. Smith	1,916.56
1953 Tax Collections, Roger W. Smith	26,814.82
Tax Lien Collections	878.99

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\$39,742.82

State Treasurer	
Health and Welfare	\$ 752.49
Snow Removal	772.79
Flood Repair Fund	193.60
Bank Stock Tax	31.65
Forest Fire Reimbursement	746.83
School Funds	10,983.55
1953 R. R. and Tel. Tax	.49
Dog License Refund	10.35
Town Road Improvement Fund	1,536.97

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\$15,028.72

Town of Columbia, Poor Account	\$27.12
Town of Gouldsboro, Fire Equipment	50.00
Town of Millbridge, Fire Equipment	90.00
Town of Cherryfield, Poor Account	17.50

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\$184.62

Town Clerk	
Victualer's Licenses	\$3.00
Weapon Permit	1.00

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\$4.00

Union Trust Co.	
Rebate on Int.	\$ 4.50

Dyke Bridge Note	2,425.00
Interest on Trust Funds	10.01
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	\$2,439.51
First National Bank, Int. on Trust Fund	\$1.50
Selectmen of Steuben, Int. on Trust Fund	1.50
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	\$3.00
Selectmen of Steuben	
Sale of Town Liens	\$164.35
Roger W. Smith	
Int. on 1952 Taxes	\$ 5.94
Credit for Tax Liens on 1952 Taxes	1,407.26
1952 Bal. of Abatements	21.50
Int. on 1953 Taxes	19.81
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	\$1,454.51
Paul Floyd, Oil Bbls. and Oil	\$ 3.00
Horace Haskell, Weir License & Selectmen Service	15.00
Ira Parritt, Culvert	15.00
Parish House Fund, Gravel	13.00
Thaddeus West, Cost of Deed	3.00
Ralph D. Johnson, Jr. Cost of Deed	3.00
Samuel Dutton, Rent for Jan. & Feb.	10.00
Irvin Parritt, Refund on Gas Bill	2.50
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	\$81.86
Total Credits	\$59,103.39
Total Warrants Pd.	\$54,636.03
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Cash on Hand	\$4,467.36
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	\$59,103.39

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. SMITH

Treasurer



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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### Delinquent Taxes

#### Resident

Alexander, Donald	\$ 12.75
Alexander, Herbert, Heirs	12.75
Alexander, Ida	32.64
Barclay, Blake	13.75
Baker, Louise B.	41.82
Butler, Emma	7.65
Brooks, Ralph Jr.	10.20
Brooks, Howard	90.27
Colson, Roy	4.71
Church, Colon	19.42
Clark, Myra Heirs	50.49
Faulkner, Leonard	18.36
Fickett, Eunice	10.20
Fickett Carroll (Victor Kelton)	18.36
Farnsworth, Norman	7.17
Geel & Oxley	15.30
Garnett, Ethel	54.06
Geel, Hollis	41.31
Hughes, Frank	20.67
Hodgkins, Thomas, Est.	26.52
Hodgkins, Phillip	28.50
Hurlburt, Curtis	64.77
Kirklan, Carl	28.09
Kilton, Victor	15.24
Merritt, Nelson, Heirs	31.62
Oxley, Roger	67.83
Pinkham, Willis J.	16.83
Phinney, Harold	16.77
Pushaw, Harold	3.57

Reed, Adin	20.63
Stanwood, Beatrice	28.62
Seavey, Ernest	31.51
Torrey, Maynard	15.81
West, William	27.03
West, Adfer	57.63
West, W. D.	64.97

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\$1,027.82

## Non-Resident

Arey, Eunice	\$ 5.10
Drisko, Lloyd	20.40
Grant, Perley	20.40
Gay, O. P. Heirs	12.24
Huckins, Eugene	10.71
Huckins, George F.	4.08
Hartford, Crawford	20.40
Johnson, Trivo	153.00
Leighton, Joseph	27.03
Leighton, Donald	4.08
Leighton, Mark Heirs	66.30
Lawrence, Leon	15.30
Moody, Wesley	17.34
Oliver, Maurice	5.10
Petit Manan Ind. Inc.	346.90
Sengels, Leana	3.06
Sawyer, William	7.65
Sargent, Ansel	39.25
Sawyer, George, Heirs	139.23
Sawyer & Hutchins	12.24
Sawyer, William, Mrs.	7.65
Tibbetts, George	174.42

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\$1,111.88

Total Delinquent	\$ 2,139.70
Total Collections	26,594.09

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Abatements

220.73

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\$28,954.52

Commitment

\$28,825.25

Supplementary Tax

129.27

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\$28,954.52

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. SMITH

Collector

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

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### 1953 Vital Statistics

Marriages	8
Births	13
Deaths	13

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Dogs Licesnse 76

Respectfully submitted,

MARION H. THURSTON

Town Clerk

## STEUBEN SCHOOL REPORT

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You have been thinking about a plan of consolidation for the schools of your town for the past several years. You have been mulling over the arguments "for" and "against" and no doubt, by now, have made up your minds one way or the other.

The following changes would occur through consolidation. You would discontinue the high school and permit the pupils to choose their own school with tuition paid by the town; the Unionville and Dyer's Bay school, rural schools with respective enrollments of 10 and 12 pupils each, would be closed and the pupils transported to the village elementary schools. There would be two village schools, First: primary, at the present primary school building, housing grades 1-2; 3-4 with two teachers. Second: a grammar school, with two teachers, in the present high school building, housing grades 5-6; 7-8:

Whether you consolidate or not is up to you, the voters. The trend elsewhere is along this direction of combined school units and you may feel now is the time for Steuben to join the trend. I will remind you that school operating costs are going up and in most cases consolidation is less expensive. Invariably, those who have consolidated their schools in favor of fewer grades per teacher do not go back to the former plan. And, the bigger high school units are being accepted as better investment on dollars spent than the small two teacher schools.

If you favor moving along in the direction of consolidation as is being done in community after community throughout the country, vote "Yes" to discontinue the

schools mentioned; if you favor a more for your money proposition on a smaller cash outlay, vote "Yes" as above; if you want the boys and girls of your town to profit from better school planning, then vote "Yes".

However, if you are satisfied with the present arrangement costs, vote "No"; if you want to keep the school system the same as it is because of sentiment or tradition, vote "No".

Your decision is not an easy one. May the best judgment prevail in the light of today's problem and tomorrow's responsibilities.

R. H. HASKINS, Supt.

### School Enrollment

SCHOOLS	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Dyer's Bay		3	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	12
Unionville		1	1	2	2	1	1	-	2	10
Village Intermediate		16	5	9	6	10	11			57
Village Grammar								16	12	28
Total		20	8	14	10	12	13	16	14	107

### High School

Freshmen	6
Sophomores	5
Juniors	3
Seniors	3
Total	17

### Pupils Attending Other High Schools at Town Expense

Patricia Allen	Anne Buzzell
William Leighton	Marita Buzzell

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Truth Leighton	Evelyn Leonard
Anna Ferrin	George Hannington
Grace O'Brien	Richard Wakefield
Floyd Ferrin	June Ferrin
Fern Atwater	Total 13

## Pupils Attending Other High Schools at Personal Expense

- 1 to Sumner Memorial High School
- 2 to Milbridge High School
- 2 out of State

Total 5

## Financial Report

### Elementary Income

Balance, 1953	\$ 403.66
State School Fund	7,933.55
State, Study Subsidy	50.00
Appropriation	\$8,003.65
	\$16,390.86

### Expenses

#### INSTRUCTION:

Ruby Smith	\$1,900.00
Jeanette Leighton	1,700.00
Margaret Baker	850.00
Charlotte Leighton	1,600.00
Phyllis Colson	1,700.00
Lola Merritt	800.00
Charlotte Leighton, Study Subsidy	50.00
Bessie Sawyer, Substitute	10.00
	\$8,610.00



## FUEL:

Parritt Oil Company	\$315.85
Henry Morse	100.00
Howard Wakefield	3.50
Frederick O'Brien	7.33

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\$426.68

## JANITOR:

Alton Dinsmore	\$262.50
Patricia Follett	140.00
Cassie Wakefield	175.00

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\$577.50

## JANITOR MAINTENANCE:

Alton Dinsmore	\$28.88
Christy Follett	9.75
Steuben Grocery Co.	4.03
A. W. Leighton & Co.	7.66
Parritt Oil Co.	3.00
Cassie Wakefield	9.75
Steuben High School	25.00
R. B. Strout	2.44
Loring, Short & Harmon	4.04
Parritt's Market	7.29
F. G. Strout	.90

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\$102.74

## CONVEYANCE:

Chester Seavey	\$2,130.00
Arthur Harrington	665.00
Oscar Colson	983.00
Sylvia Leighton	525.00
Gwen O'Brien	34.00
Alton Dinsmore	1,055.00

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\$5,392.00

# TOWN OF STEUBEN

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## TEXTBOOKS:

World Book Co.	\$60.85
MacMillan Co.	32.50
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.30
Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	27.96
Laidlaw Brothers	32.87
American Book Co.	19.89
Ginn & Company	3.17
Beckley-Cardy Co.	17.82
Follett Publishing Co.	30.40
American Education Publications	9.20
Iroquois Publishing Co., Inc.	31.40

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\$267.36

## SUPPLIES:

Loring, Short & Harmon	\$332.84
Joe's Print Shop	17.45
Maine State Treasurer	1.50
Vinton School Form Co.	.46
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	9.10
World Book Co.	1.91
Beckley-Cardy Co.	1.68
Superior Paper Products	48.85
World Book Company	22.35
Howard & Brown	8.55

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\$444.69

## UTILITIES:

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$85.60
Treasurer of State of Maine (water tests)	7.80

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\$93.40

## REPAIRS:

F. W. Burnham Co.	\$29.35
Alton Dinsmore	8.00
Roy Skinner	37.30

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 \$74.65

## SUPERVISION:

R. H. Haskins	\$890.95
Alice Sargent	240.00
Edgar Grant	3.90
C. F. Seavey, Truancy	1.00

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 \$1,135.85

Total Expenditures	\$17,124.87
Overdraft, 1954	734.01

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 \$16,390.86
 

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## Financial Report, 1953-54

## Secondary

## Income

Balance	\$ 329.34
State School Fund	3,000.00
Appropriation	3,996.35

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 \$7,325.69

## Expenses

## INSTRUCTION:

Delmar King	\$1,400.00
Thelma Tracy	1,050.00
Ruth Hamilton	1,012.50
E. W. Pedder	1,400.00

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 \$4,862.50

## TOWN OF STEUBEN

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## FUEL:

Parritt Oil Company	\$262.74
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## JANITOR:

Alton Dinsmore	\$262.50
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## JANITOR MAINTENANCE:

Alton Dinsmore	\$42.98
Parritt Oil Company	3.00
Steuben High School	25.00
Parritt's Market	.50
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	\$71.48

## TEXTBOOKS:

Ginn & Company	23.00
M. N. Perkins Co.	6.71
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	\$29.71

## LIBRARY:

P. E. Collier & Son	\$ 9.16
The Book Supply Co.	49.82
Fred L. Tower Companies	13.05
Bangor Daily News	9.55
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	\$81.58

## SUPPLIES:

Loring, Short & Harmon	\$8.00
Joe's Print Shop	5.00
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	\$13.00

## LABORATORY:

The Chemical Rubber Company	\$74.35
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## UTILITIES:

Bangor Hydro-Electric Company	\$30.55
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## REPAIRS:

Alton Dinsmore	\$9.46
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## TUITION:

Cherryfield Academy	\$2,271.83
Flanders Bay School District	530.00
Erskine Academy	120.11

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\$2,921.94

Total Expenditures

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\$8,619.81

Overdraft, 1954

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1,294.12

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\$7,325.69

## PRELIMINARY BUDGET, 1954-1955

## Elementary

## Income

State School Fund	\$7,933.55
Appropriation	9,695.26

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\$17,628.81

## Expenses

Instruction	\$8,250.00
Janitor	432.00
Janitor Maintenance	100.00
Fuel	350.00
Conveyance	6,000.00
Textbooks	300.00
Supplies	300.00
Utilities	100.00
Repairs	100.00
Supervision	962.80
Overdraft, 1954	734.01

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\$17,628.81

**TOWN OF STEUBEN**

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**High School ½ Year****Income**

State School Fund	\$3,000.00
Appropriation	1,079.12

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**\$4,079.12****Expenses (to June)**

Instruction	\$2,400.00
Fuel	150.00
Janitor	135.00
Janitor Maintenance	35.00
Textbooks	----
Supplies	25.00
Library	----
Laboratory	----
Utilities	15.00
Repairs	25.00
Overdraft, 1954	1,294.12

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**\$4,079.12****High School Tuition**

Cherryfield Academy, 8 @ \$240	\$1,920.00
Sumner High School, 3 ½ @ \$240	840.00
Erskine Academy, 1 @ \$260	260.00
Next Fall, 20 @ \$120	2,400.00

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**\$5,420.00****Total Needed Appropriation**

Elementary	\$9,700.00
High School	1,100.00
High School Tuition	5,400.00

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**\$16,200.00**

Appropriation, 1953	12,000.00
Increase	<u>\$4,200.00</u>

If the High School, Dyer's Bay and Unionville schools are not closed, add \$3,500.00 to the needed appropriation for a total of \$19,700.00 for an increase of \$7,700.00 when compared with last year's appropriation. Thus allowing \$1,250.00 each to continue the Unionville and Dyer's Bay schools for the remainder of the fiscal year if they are not closed in June, and \$1,000.00 plus the tuition estimate (\$2,400) which will not be needed if the school remains open. Of course, even with the high school still in operation another year, there could be added tuition expense for those who will want to go elsewhere.



## REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

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**Held on Jan. 29, 1954**

Approved for:—

Administration	\$3,200.00
Fires and Fire Dept.	500.00
Roads and Bridges	3,000.00
Third Class Roads	200.00
Patrol and Plowing U. S. Rte. 1	214.00
State Aid Construction, 4 Units	2,132.00
Snow Removal, No Action Taken	
Street Lights, No Vote Taken, Needed	912.00
General Repairs and Equipment	500.00
Support of Poor	850.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Interest on Notes & Loans	530.00
Unionville Bridge Note	500.00
Dyke Bridge Note	425.00
Dyers Bay Bridge Note, Last Payment	500.00
School Repair Note, Last Payment	400.00
Memorial Day Flags	15.00
Town Dump	50.00
Local Health Service	25.00
County Health Service	48.00
Improvement of Fire House, Unexpended	800.00
No Action taken on the Following:	
Schools, Maintenance and Supervision	19,700.00
Or With High School, Mogador & Unionville	
Schools Closed	16,300.00

MARION H. THURSTON, Town Clerk

## THE WARRANT

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To Edgar Grant, Constable of the Town of Steuben, in the  
County of Washington: GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Steuben, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stanwood's Hall on Monday, March 1, A. D. 1954, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles to wit:

### Article

- 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.  
Two ballot clerks to be appointed by Moderator.
- 2 To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, Supt. of Schools, Town Clerk and other Town Officials.
- 3 To fix the compensation of the Town Clerk.
- 4 To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 5 To see if town desires town management form of government.
- 6 To fix the compensation of the Selectmen.
- 7 To choose three Selectmen.
- 8 To fix the compensation of the Assessors.
- 9 To choose three Assessors.

- 10 To fix the compensation of the Overseer of Public Welfare Dept.
- 11 To choose an Overseer of the Public Welfare Dept.
- 12 To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes, said Tax Collector to furnish substantial bonds as required by law, and to be issued by a bonding company; and pay for his printing, stationery and postage.
- 13 To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.
- 14 To fix the compensation of the Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 15 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 16 To fix the compensation of the Road Commissioner or Commissioners.
- 17 To choose a Road Commissioner or Commissioners to be under Supervision of Selectmen.
- 18 To fix the compensation of the Fire Department.
- 19 To choose a Fire Department Chief, who will care for fire truck, fire building and fire equipment.
- 20 To choose one or more Constables.
- 21 To fix the compensation of each member of the School Committee for the ensuing year.
- 22 To choose one member for the School Committee.
- 23 To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- 24 To raise the sum of \$25.00 for the local Health Department.
- 25 To see if the town will raise and appropriate for public health nursing in Steuben, the sum of \$48.00; the said amount to be expended by the Maine Dept. of

Health & Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.

- 26 To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 as requested by the State, to be expended for Civil Defense purposes.
- 27 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder, all tax acquired property. Sealed bids to be submitted to the selectmen prior to Nov. 30, 1954. The former owners, or heirs, having the privilege to redeem the property until this date. Also giving the Selectmen authority to use their judgment in listing for sale any property that by sale of such might financially be unwise for the town. The Selectmen having the authority to accept or reject any or all bids, if they see fit, and to issue quit claim deeds for such property sold.
- 28 To see if the town will vote to have all taxes due and payable on or before November 1, 1954, and charge 4 % interest thereafter.
- 29 To raise money for Roads and Bridges.
- 30 To raise money for snow removal.
- 31 To raise the sum of \$214.00 as the town's part in snow removal and patrol of U. S. Highway No. 1.
- 32 To raise \$200.00 for maintenance of Third Class roads.
- 33 To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.
- 34 To see if the town will vote to expend any 1954 State Aid Construction funds in construction of new road at the end of the State Aid Highway on the Petit

Manan Point road, so called, said expenditure to be spent in tarring and surfacing in accordance with regulations of the State Highway Department.

- 35 To see if the town will raise funds to tar the roads that have been built and are ready for tarring.
- 36 To see if town desires School Committee to put up for bids the conveyance of school pupils to lowest bidder who can qualify, by a sealed bid.
- 37 To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to expend the 1954 Town Road Improvement fund on the Unionville road.
- 38 To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for administration.
- 39 To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for interest and service charges on notes and loans.
- 40 To raise and appropriate money for abatements.
- 41 To raise and appropriate money for Support of the Poor.
- 42 To raise and appropriate money for the town's part in support of Aid to Dependent Children.
- 43 To raise and appropriate money for Street Lights.
- 44 To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,825.00 as payments on Unionville Bridge note; Dyer's Bay Bridge note; School Improvement note; and Dyke Bridge note.
- 45 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign or sell unmatured mortgage liens.
- 46 To see if the town will raise funds to purchase suitable snow plow to fit a two ton truck, under Selectmen's supervision, sum not to exceed \$1,200.00.

- 47 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Steuben High School in June, 1954.
- 48 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Unionville School in June, 1954.
- 49 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Dyer's Bay School in June, 1954.
- 50 To raise and appropriate or make available a sum of money for fires and Fire Department purposes.
- 51 To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended for general repairs, equipment and maintenance of town property.
- 52 To see if the town will raise \$65.00 for the care and mowing of parade ground grass for the entire summer season.
- 53 To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for care of town dump.
- 54 To raise and appropriate a sum of money for schools and supervision.
- 55 To see if the town will vote to adopt Daylight Saving Time.
- 56 To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to rent or lease, if they see fit, any town property that is not in use, receipts from same to be credited to the Road and Bridge Account.
- 57 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to issue the town's negotiable notes and bonds for the purpose of renewing, refunding or paying certain notes of the town due now or to become due during the municipal year 1954.
- 58 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to make temporary loans in anticipa-



tion of and to be paid out of current taxes for the municipal year of 1954, and to issue the town's negotiable notes therefor not exceeding in the aggregate of the sum of \$8,000.00.

- 59 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day purposes to be paid to the Cherryfield Narraguagus Post No. 8, to defray expenses of flags.
- 60 To see if the town will elect a Budget Committee to consist of the elected town officials and five or more taxpayers to make recommendations for the next annual town meeting.
- 61 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
- 62 Motion to adjourn.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Stanwood Hall at 9 a. m. on the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correction of list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon application of citizens that their names should be entered upon said list.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February, 1954.

E. H. PAGE  
W. H. BAKER  
C. E. TRACY  
Selectmen of Steuben

Attest:  
Edgar Grant, Constable of Steuben.

Note: Backless benches will be only seating accomodation in hall. If you wish to be comfortably seated at town meeting, bring your own chair.

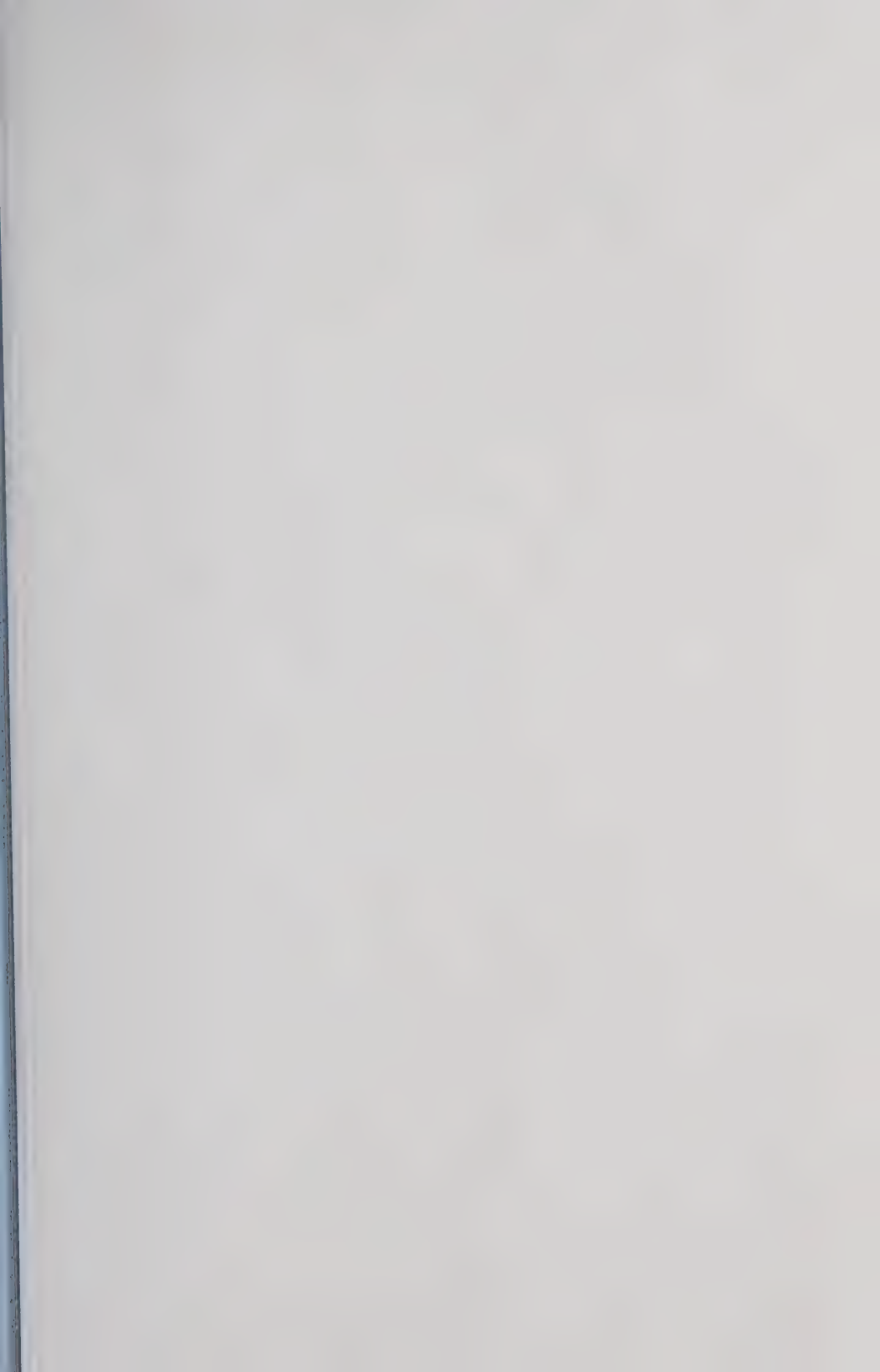






Ms. Ella Leighton,  
16 Haywood St.  
Bangor, Maine







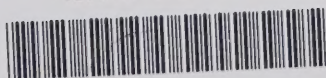






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